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4/1	31	Secretary to the Board of Revenue 8939 30069	Forwarding Copy of paras to 11 of Mr Balfour's letter together with a Copy of the order of Government relative to the authenticity of three Sunnuds with reference to the Seals they bore which Mr Parker requested in his letter to Government dated 2nd October 1855. (Enclosure one)
28/1		Do.	Communicating Min Con 14th January 1856 and requesting to submit a tabular statement for the Establishment that may be necessary for the Conservancy of Forests (Not found in the file).
27/2		Do.	Proceedings of the Board of Revenue relative to the assessment of the Garden Lands in the District on Mr Parker's report of

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			the 10th January 1856. (not found in the file).
/3	177	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Communicating Min Con dated 15th February 1856, observing certain discrepancies in the existing and proposed Scale of Establishment required to be employed on the Upper and Lower Ranges of the Pulney Hills and requesting to report as to who was doing the duty of Curnam in the 2 villages recently transferred from the Coimbatore District.
7/3	"	Do.	Communicating the authority of Government dated 5th March 1856 for defending the Suit No 1 of 1856 on the file of the Sub Court at the public expense, brought

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance. 3
			by Veera Kamooammal for the recovery of Erasacka-naickenoor zemindari (not found in the file).
31/3	906	Secretary Bd of Revenue	Communicating an extract of a letter from the honorable Court of Directors dated 19th September 1855, No. 15, and min Con dated 5th January 1856, No 6, approving of the correctness of the decision regarding the Escheat to government of Erasacka naickenoor Polliem in default of legal heirs.
3/4	"	Do.	Communicating Mins Con of government dated 14th March 1856 approving of the requirements of a Tribute for the Headmen of the Hill Tribes (not found in the file).

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3/4	965	Sec. to Bd. of Revenue.	Forwarding extract from the minutes of Consultation dated the 17th March 1856, No 310, Containing Copy of a letter No 307 dated 25th February 1856, from the Government of India, directing to prohibit the import of obscene books and pictures and to have them seized and destroyed by any officer of customs under section 5 of act No 1 of 1856.
3/4	"	Do. —	Communicating Copy of a letter from Mr Norton, Government Pleader, Stating that the Collector cannot in any way interfere in the suit brought by Coonjara Nachiar & (Not found in the file).

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5/4	"	Secy Bd of Rev	Communicating Min Con dated 13th March 1856 accompanied by a form of return of Chattrams and requesting to submit a return as soon as possible prepared in accordance with the above, up to 31st December 1856 (Not found in the file).
10/4	1080	Do. —	Communicating an extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 27th March 1856, No 433, regarding the transfer of some villages to Titticotty Taluk and requesting to report on the change.
23/4	1216	Do. —	Informing that in reporting on Mr Stokes Proposed Act, the Board will bring to the notice of Government the propriety of defining the obligations of Enamdars in respect of the works of irrigation existing in their villages.

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6/5	1358	Secretary Board of Revenue	Informing that the alienation of a portion of the Goorookul Enam in question appears to be beyond the operation of Regulation VII of 1817, no religious duties being in any way connected with the grant and expressing that the case should be left to the Courts without Collector's interference.
8/5	1372	Do.	Authorizing the payment of the Malikhana of 10 per cent on account of the estate of Valayapatty to Lutchoomana Sundra Mahaling Datchanamoorty Chinnia Kamia Naik the son of the last recipient.
14/5	"	Do.	Communicating Minutes of Con 9th May 1856 founded on the report of Reverend J. Richard on the building to be used as school and requesting to be informed

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Date	Number.	From whom received:	Substance.
			why private persons have been allowed to appropriate parts of the Tirumalai Naik's Palace (not found in the file).
19/5	1522	Secy. Bd. of Revenue	Forwarding for delivery to petitioners, endorsements passed on petitions No. 3567 of 1855 and 214, 673, 443 and 1041 of 1856.
20/5	1524	Do.	Requesting to furnish a list of villages to be transferred to the District of Trichinopoly.
2/5	1586	Do.	Informing that the Board see no reason to disturb the Collector's decision in the case in question and stating that the Board concur with him in considering Regulation VI of 1831 applicable to all village offices and their emoluments in zemindaries as well as in government villages with the exception only of the Curnam office in zemindaries
26/5	1586	Do.	Authorizing the arrangement proposed by the Collector in

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			favor of the daughter of the present incumbent Valavandal.
31/5	1665	Secy. Bd. of Rev.	Requesting to submit separately the case of Kristna charry, No 57, with copies of the Purmanah, of Mr Viveashes' letter of the 11th June 1832 and of the entry in Mr Hardis' list.
31/5	"	Do.	Authorizing to adopt the new rate of garden assessment sanctioned in the Minn Con dated 21st April No 396 from the Commencement of the ensuing fasly (Not found in the file).
3/6	1696	Do.	Requesting, with reference to a tabular report of a lapsed Enam and zeomiah, to forward an extract of all that relates to the Enam in the marattah registers of 1817 and to state

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			whether the then incumbent was the present deceased or whether intermediate lapses and renewals had taken place since 1817 and also to communicate the particulars of the Entry of the Enam in the Huzur English Register.
5/6	1738	Secretary to the Bd of Revenue	Requesting with reference to an application from the Sotties of an Ayen village to enforce their claims to Swatantrams, to inform the Board whether any reference was made to the levy and disposal of the 12½ percent "Podoo Salavoo" on the occasion of the Substitution of a fixed money assessment for the amany system and expressing that there are no provisions to levy fees for village officers from the Community.
7/6	"	Do	Resolving that retrospective sanction be accorded to the change made by the Collector at

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			the Jamabandi of fusly 1264 in the taxation of the village of Pullimoncorlay in Tenkarai Taluk (not found in the file).
13/6	1816	Secretary to the Board of Revenue.	Communicating ~~min~~ ~~Con dated~~ extract from the minutes of Consultation under date the 11th June 1856 No 596, conveying authority for the defence at the public expense of Suits Nos 26 of 1855 & 7 of 1856 instituted in the Sub Court of Madura against the acting Sub Collector of the District.
13/6	1834	Do.	Communicating Min Con dated 10th May 1856 directing the abolition of 7 Salt Cotaurs and approving the reorganization of the Establishments attached to the remaining Cotaurs in the Northern Circars.
16/6	"	Do.	Communicating sanction of Government for the Continuance of Yeomiah of ½ Rupee per diem for lightening a mosque at Torudi in the Ramnad

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			Zemindari (Not found in the file).
4/6	"	Secretary to the Board of Revenue.	Communicating Min Con dated 13th June resolving that mud buildings in the Tirumalai Naik's Palace to be very objectionable and stating that the Judges have no authority to allow them. (Not found in the file).
30/6	1980	Do. —	Communicating Min Con dated 21st May 1856 No 747 requesting the Government Pleader to submit a draft of an Act for the preservation of works of irrigation, — navigation and drainage; and directing the Collectors to furnish any information which the Government Pleader may require on the subject.
8/7	2111	Do. —	Confirming the nomi=nation of Venkatasami Naik to the Trusteeship of the Pulney Devastanam and declining to authorize the appointment of a Sukha for the annual audit of

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			accounts as it has already been expressly ruled that no persons should be allowed to exercise a control over the Trustees — without a Special Enactment -
10/7	2130	Secretary to the Bd. of Revenue	Communicating Mins Con 4th July 1856 passed upon a letter from the Secretary to Government of Bengal requesting that a certain clause should be entered in the agreements made by Shippers loading at the Madras Ports with Govern=:ment Salt deliverable at Sulkea.
12/7	21.79	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Returning petition No. 2755 and 3658 of 1855 with the Board's endorsement.
23/7	2299	Do —	Communicating Mins Con 19th July 1856, No 752 ; Conveying the Sanction of the India Government for an increase to the Establish=:ment on the Upper

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Date.	Number.	From whom received:	Substance.
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			and Lower Ranges of the Pulney Hills in the District of Madura.
1/8	2421	Secretary to the Bd. of Revenue	Requesting to inform the petitioners in Board petitions No. 2943 & 1675 of 1856, that the action of the Collector in assessing the land in question at the rate which belongs to it under the rules, is correct and requesting him to communicate to the petitioners the purport of the above proceedings.
1/8	2433	Do. —	Requesting to report any cases in which it appears desirable to appropriate Sheigal land for the formation of a new hamlet or for the extension of a village site, with description, extent and assessment; and requesting to report at what rate it is proposed to tax the non-cultivated and what the practice of the District now is; and informing that the Sheigal land to be assigned for building sites should be either waste or such as can be obtained without expense to government
4/8	2518	Do. —	Communicating copy of correspondence relative to water

Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
		dispute in the Neilgherries.
2500	Secretary to the Bd. of Revenue	Communicating Mins Cons 1st August 1856 Sanctioning the transfer of the Ramgherry Taluk to the Trichinopoly District under its new designation of Manapara Taluk, along with its Establishment with a few exceptions for the Ramgherry Pollium which is retained in the Madura District.
"	Do.	Requesting to report on the present State of the village Police of this District and the measures the Collector would recommend for putting it on the efficient footing and also to submit a statement of the Government villages, showing at the same time the assets available for the payment of the number of Kavalgars that may be required (not found in the file).
2650	Do.	Reviewing on the settlement Report for Fasli 1263 and requesting to explain the meaning of the entry of half a plough in the numbers entered in para 8 of the

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			Collector's report.
18/8	2622	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Communicating the endorsement passed on petition No. 1825 of 1856 expressing that the Board considers it sufficient if the manager is willing to afford the sharers access to the original accounts and to permit them to make copies of them or extracts from them.
9/8	2637	Do.	Requesting to submit detailed applications for the lands required to be allotted as sites for new hamlets and observing that the case of the villages in the Tenkarai Taluk is one in which such grants are rendered expedient by peculiar circumstances.
[illegible]/8	2701	Do.	Directing that no claim can be advanced on behalf of government for the pieces of gold coins unless the Collector has since been put in possession of evidence to show that the Regulation has been actually violated and resolving to request

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			the sanction of Govern=ment for purchasing the finest specimen of each description of these coins for the Madras Museum.
23/8	2709	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Communicating the Board's endorsement on petition No. 1944 of 1856 declining to accede to petitioners request, the land in question having been cultivated at the Fysul and there being sufficient Poromboke independent of it for herding Cattle and other such purposes
25/8	2735	Do.	Reviewing the Collector's report on the administration of the Madura Town Fund for 1855 and requesting to supply

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Date.	Number.	From whom received:	Substance. 17
			information as regards the practice of taxing the house sites in Madura Town and to explain on what principle and at what rates ground is taxed within the Town of Madura and whether accurate maps exist as well as registers to show the different holdings; and also requesting to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants on the subject of redeeming the ground rent and the terms they would be willing to pay.
26/8	2758	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Rejecting the petition of Nattamgar of Neerathan village and suggesting to him to seek redress in the established courts of Adalut.
28/8	"	Do.	Requesting to report the extent of land which would be subjected to

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			an increased demand by the introduction of the uniform rate of 3 Fanams per gooly on Plantains and Poonjah land in the lower range of the Pulney Hills (not found in the file).
8/8	2774	Secretary to the Bd of Revenue	Approving the surrender of the Guntamanaikanoor Zemindari to the zemindar.
9/8	2788	Do.	Communicating Min Con 27th August 1856 requesting to afford every assistance required for obtaining Carriage for troops and directing that wherever absolutely necessary, Carriage must be pressed for the occasion for troops moving and further that all officers be strictly enjoined to see to the punctual payment of hire as well as to the safe keeping of carts and Bullocks, the owners

	Number.	From whom received:	Substance.
			of which may not be forthcoming.
19	2400	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Forwarding copy of a letter dated 24.7.1856, No 622 from the Director of Public Instruction suggesting that steps should be taken to induce the Zemindars to establish in their Zemindaries Vernacular Schools corresponding to the Taluk Schools now being established in some of the Government Taluks and requesting to carry out the above suggestion.
19	2306	Do.	Informing their opinion that the offence for which Varisy [?] Tambi [?] and Syed Ibortoyee [?] alluded to in the return of village officers under Regulation VI of 1831 for July 1856 have been dismissed had been dealt with by the Magistrate
579	3039	Do.	Communicating Min. Con. 6th September 1856, No 956, expressing that no claim should be put forward on behalf of Government as regards the Treasure found hidden in the Iyempully Taluk, and requesting to instruct the Collector to retain the treasure for six months and to return it to the finders in case no valid claims are

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			presented; or to purchase the whole of the Coins on account of Government at a fair value and to send them on to Madras.
18/9	3028	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Communicating Min Con 11th September 1856, No 970 informing that the 2nd renewal of the yeomiah originally granted to one Kistnachary in A D 1756, was obtained by the fraudulent mis=representation of the nature of the grant and directing that it should altogether lapse after the death of the present incumbent Kistnamachary.
25/9	3104	Do. —	Communicating Min Con 12th September 1856, No 478, conveying the order of the India — Government directing that Heads of offices and departments be

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance. 21
			instructed to furnish on the 1st May of each year to the Civil Auditors and Military Auditors general, an annual return showing the leave of absence granted during the year under the new Uncovenanted Service Absentee Rules to those Uncovenanted servants whose leave may not have been notified in the gazette; also directing that the above rule applies only to the Uncovenanted servants whose salary exceeds one hundred Rupees a month.
25/9	3111	Secretary to the Bd of Revenue	Commencing Min Co 15th September 1856, No 983, request explanation from the Collector of the very great delay which took place not only in disposing the original charge, but also in the submission of the application for a reward of Rs 45 to an informer named Mootoo Miah Rowttan of Madura, through whose instrumentality certain concealed cultivation had been detected and requesting to state with

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			particulars whether there are any other Similar Complaints of above 3 months standing undisposed of.
30/9	3183	Secretary to the Bd of Revenue	Communicating Min Con 22nd September 1886, ordering to continue the Enam in the Gooliamoor village held by the late Sunkaranaranian and to resume the Enam held by Dasoo Pundit in Rama Rajapuram village.
2/10	3197	Do	Directing to place Sashammal in possession of the Huckdarship of the Coonnathoor Chattram and to pay into the Civil Court of Madura the whole amount of Cash in deposit on account of the Salary of that office and to urge the Court for the payment of some Compensation to the party who Superintended the affairs of the charity since the late Huckdar's death.

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10	3277	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Communicating the endorsements passed on petitions No. 3176 of 1855 and 2810 of 1856 about the curnam of Karungalakudi in Melur Taluk.
/10	"	Do.	Communicating Min Con 13th October 1856, sanctioning the continuance of the zemiah of one cully fanam or 3 annas 4 8/11 pies per diem for life of Mokayedbal and to the resumption of the Enam of 8 cawnies in Nattam granted by the zemindar which grant is now invalid (not found in the file)
21/10	3585	Do.	Communicating E. M. C. relative to the high approbation of Government at the Establishment of a Hospital and Dispensary in the Town of Ramnad by the zemindar of that place and resolving to give publicity to the same in the official gazette for general information.
5/11	3646	Do.	Stating that the Collector's letter dated 23d May 1856 respecting the claim of a Tundal Toty to Swatantrams

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			was disposed of on the ~~[illegible]~~ 5th June 1856 and ~~that~~ his Subsequent letter of 19th idem has been recorded.
	3694	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Passing endorsement on petitions Nos 2069, 2101, and ~~2149 of 1856 and reports of his having issued an order for making over the Inam village~~, 3173 of 1856 to the effect that the Board see no reason to disturb the arrangement agreed to by the 3 heads of the family.
	3724	Secretary to the Bd of Revenue	Communicating para 8 of a letter from the honorable court of Directors dated 2nd July 1856 No 7 suggesting ~~to~~ induce the Travancore Sircar to withdraw its inland custom Houses and to enter into reciprocal arrangements for regulating the commerce by Sea between the Ports of Travancore and Cochin and those of British Territories.

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8/11	3713	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Requesting to furnish certain particulars with reference to the Public Banglow at Pamban and to state his opinion whether it or any other Banglow should be maintained in that island.
11/11	3771	Do.	Concurring with the Collector that the petitioner has no claim to exemption from price or Teerwah for the land in occupation which was reclaimed from the Fort Ditch, and passing endorsement on petition No 1230 of 1856 declining to accord the said exemption.
5/11	3927	Do.	Informing that the regulated Cowle may be granted for such portion of the waste land as is intended for cultiva-tion and that the land to be occupied by the Tank should pay Teerwah from the Commencement
25/11	..	Do.	Sanctioning the appointment of Kistnasamy Naik as mana[ger] on a pay of Rs 50 per month an[d] Peria Dhoraisamy alias Gopala Condama Naik as guardian to the Minor Zemindar of Ayya[...] and the resumption & incorpora[tion] with the Estate the whole rent [...] and Cowle lands of the decea[sed] Gobala Condama Naik &c (not found in the file).

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26/11	3962	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Observing that the Collector's letter does not meet petitioner's allegation that the ground in question was granted in lieu of Sarvamaniyam land taken for an English school established by government; and requesting to know whether petitioner obtained any compensation for the land so taken.
15/12	4224	Do. —	Declining to sanction an appeal to the Sudder Adalat against the order of the Civil Court of Madura in the Coonnattoor chattram case.
17/12	4281	Do. —	Directing the attachment of a certain Bhutmorty Enam and requesting to report in the form attached to circular order of 5th February 1852
17/12	"	Do. —	Stating that the Board are unable to recommend to government the application forwarded by the acting Collector on behalf of the minor zemindar of Comaranaid for the restoration of that estate. (Not found in the file).

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?/12	4389	Do. —	Communicating Min Con 16th October 1856, conveying the approval of the Court of Directors as regards the action of Government in the case of Chinnappa Naik, a descendant of the Poligar of Veroopakshi in the gradual reduction of pensions not strictly hereditary on the occurrence of lapses.
22/12	4395	Do. —	Communicating Min Con 16th October 1856 passed on the honorable Courts' letter of the 11th June 1856 on the report of Mr Clarke, Sub Collector, Madura, on the Topography climate, revenue and administration of the Pul Hills.
23/12	4390	Do. —	Communicating Min C 3rd November 1856 passed the Honorable Courts' despat approving sanction of the refund of the Swamy Bhog

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Revenue Department.

No. 31

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 4th January 1856.

Read the following:

Revenue Department.

No. 1371.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 18th December 1855.

Read the following letter from Surgeon E. G. Balfour, Government Agent at Chepauk.

(Here enter 31st October 1855 No. 70.)

Para. 1. In his letter of the 2nd October last, the Collector of Madura recommended that a reference should be made to the Government Agent at Chepauk respecting the authenticity of three sunnuds, with reference to the seals which they bore; and suggested at the same time that Mr. Balfour should be requested to draw up a short treatise on the seals used in sunnuds in South India, and on the Princes entitled to grant such sunnuds; and this suggestion was refered for Mr. Balfour's consideration.

2. In his reply above recorded, Mr. Balfour states that there is no doubt of the authenticity of the sunnuds in question, and explains in paras. 2 to 11 the grounds on which this opinion is founded. In the remaining paras. of his letter, he reports on Mr. Parker's suggestion relative to the preparation of a treaties of the nature above alluded to, the importance of which he fully recognizes.

3. It has already been resolved by Government that the Enam tenures shall be investigated conjointly with the prosecution of the general Survey. And so far as concerns Enams and Yeomiahs in the Carnatic, purporting to be held under grant from any of the Nabobs, a manual of information, such as Mr. Parker has in view, will be extremely useful to Officers conducting such enquiries, whether now, or on a general system. The Government resolve therefore to request that Mr. Balfour will be good enough to draw up, in his capacity of Persian Translator, a treatise of the kind suggested by the Collector of Madura.

4. Resolved that a copy of paras. 1 to 11 of Mr. Balfour's letter together with a copy of the present order be forwarded to the Collector of Madura through the Board of Revenue, and that the original sunnuds and other papers received with the reference under notice be returned to that gentleman by the same channel.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government.

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Extract Minutes Consultation with its enclosures be forwarded to the Collector of Madura for information and guidance. Mr. Parker will observe that the Sunnuds though pronounced to be genuine are stated by Dr. Balfour to be personal allowances for life only.

(A true Extract).

E. B. [illegible]

Ag Secretary.

To R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura

Mdr. 2nd Octr. 1855

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From Board of Revenue

Dated 4 January 1856

With 2 Enclosures

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Extract from a letter from Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, *Government Agent at Chepauk dated 31st October* 1855, *No.* 70.

• *Extract Minutes of Consultation 15th October No.* 1152 *of* 1855.
" Resolved that the above letter with the Sunnuds that accompanied it, be forwarded to the Government Agent at Chepauk, with a request that he will be good enough to give his opinion on the point submitted in para. 1, *and on the suggestion conveyed in para.* 2."

Para. 1. In returning the three Sunnuds received with the orders as per margin,* I have the honor to report that there is no doubt as to their perfect authenticity.

2. The seals on them are those of His Highness the late Nabob Mahomed Ally who is so generally known in Southern India by the title " Wallajah," which he received from Delhi in 1765 ; but as each of the three seals differ, Mr. Parker had just grounds for doubting their genuineness, and in explaining the Sunnuds, I will explain the cause of these differences of their seals.

Sunnud C.—3. The sunnud, marked by me C, bears a seal of Mahomed Ally engraved in the year 1156 Hijree, 1743 A. D. : the document itself however is dated four years later, viz. on the 24th Shaban 1160, 16th August 1747 ; and as both of these dates are prior to the fall of Anwar ood Deen Khan, on the 3d August 1749, at the battle of Amboor, Mr. Parker, evidently justly, asks how this Sunnud could ever have been issued by Mahomed Ally : and what authority he had to do so.

4. It will however be remembered that some time after the Nabob Dost Ally was slain, Nizam ool Moolk, who had usurped authority over all the Southern provinces, chose to recognize Dost Ally's Infant grandson, Syed Mahomed, as the rightful Nabob of the Carnatic, and committed the lad to Anwar ood Deen's care. The boy was shortly afterwards, murdered, however, and Nizam ool Moolk then recognized Anwar ood Deen Khan as the Nabob of the Carnatic. Anwar ood Deen was then about 96 years of age, and he gave his son Mahomed Ally, charge of the Fort of Trichinopoly and of all the surrounding districts ; which, though meeting with many vicissitudes, until the murder of Chunda Sahib in 1752, placed all the Carnatic in his power, Mahomed Ally never again lost. The Chieftains of Southern India, however, though all acting with independence, ever affected to hold their power from the Emperors of Delhi, and the three seals on these Sunnuds show that Mahomed Ally was not any exception to this rule, as he in each of them styles himself the servant of the Emperors.

5. When his father fell at Amboor in 1749, he retreated and found a refuge for the wreck of the army in his fortress of Trichinopoly ; and the following year when we recommenced the contest with Chunda Sahib, and were unsuccessful, Mahomed Ally and the English again took shelter in that fortress and opened a negotiation with M. Dupleix to recognise Chunda Sahib, provided Mahomed Ally were guaranteed in the Zemindaree of Trichinopoly.

6. While Killedar of the fortress of Trichinopoly and Zemindar of all its dependencies, and in his father Anwar ood Deen Khan's life time, it is evident that Mahomed Ally had granted the Sunnud (C.) dated 24th Shabban 1160, 16th August 1747, and the seal on the Sunnud supports this view, as the words on it* show him to have then been holding an inferior position to what he afterwards attained.

* *Corresponding with* $\frac{1156}{1743}$ *Mahomed Ally Khan devoted Servant of Mahomed Shah, King, defender of the faith.*

7. *Sunnud B.*—After the murder of Chunda Sahib in 1752, Mahomed Ally, thus left without a rival, was invested in the Sovereignty of the Carnatic, in the year 1755, at Arcot, and the date engraved on the seal in the sunnud marked B. ($\frac{1174}{1760}$) is subsequent to this instalment.

8. He also adopted as a title, his father's title of Anwar ood Deen Khan*, which, however, no other of the succeeding Nabobs have continued to use : the words on the seal are as per margin and the date of the Sunnud B is 5th Rubbee ool Awul 1175, 4th October 1761.

Corresponding with $\frac{1174}{1760}$
Oomdut ool Moolk, Suraj ood, Dowlah, Anwar ood Deen, Khan Bahadoor Munsoor Jung, Devoted servant of the King, Defender of the faith.

* *Anwar ood Deen Khan's name was Mahomed Anwar.*

9. Though neither of the two sunnuds C and B above described are registered in the Books of the Carnatic Durbar, for there were very many sunnuds never so registered, there is no doubt that they are quite authentic, and it is believed that they may be found registered in the Record Office or in the Revenue Board office, after the year 1801.

10. *Sunnud A.*—Subsequent to the above date, in the year 1765, Mahomed Ally was confirmed by a firman of the Emperor of Delhi, as Nabob of the Carnatic; the firman declaring him independent of the authority of the Emperor, under the titles of "Wallajah, Ameer ool Hind," and the date on the Seal of Sunnud A $(\frac{1179}{1765-6})$ is subsequent thereto. The words on the seal are given on the margin and the date of the Sunnud itself is the 12th Zeekaida 1179, 22nd April 1766. This sunnud (A) is registered in the Sircar records.

Corresponding with $\frac{1179}{1765-6}$
Ameer ool Hind, Wallajah,
Oomdut ool Moolk, Suraj ood Dowlah,
Anawar ood Deen Khan Bahadoor,
Munsoor Jung: Sipah Sirdar;
Devoted servant of Shah Alum Bahadoor
King Defender of the faith year of reign 5.

11. I have attached to each sunnud its translation, and return them for re-transmission to Mr. Parker, as he will see that all the three enams, to which these Sunnuds relate, were merely PERSONAL allowances granted to *individuals*, for the life time of the individual, or for the life or tenure of office of the grantee: and that if we be still, in the year 1855, making these payments to the descendants of the original holders or to any other persons, we are merely doing so in ignorance of the conditions of the grants, or out of a wasteful extravagance which no native ruling power would ever have committed.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon.

Secretary to Government.

No. 90

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 4th March 1856.

Read the following.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 177.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 15th February 1856.

Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

(Here enter 17th January 1856, No. 140.)

In accordance with the order of Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation 17th September 1855, No. 1051, the Board of Revenue submit a Tabular Statement of the Establishment proposed to be employed on the upper and lower ranges of the Pulney hills in the Madura District.

2. The necessity of an increase was first represented to Government by the Board on the 22d May 1854; and the existing establishment and the proposed addition were then shewn as follow.

	Rs.	As.		
Existing Establishment.				
5 Curnums at 7	35	0		
11 Natumgars and Tundals,	44	6		
	79	6		
		12	952	8
Proposed addition.				
3 Curnums at 7	21	0		
2 Peishcars at 35	70	0		
	91	0		
		12	1,092	0
			2,044	8

3. The present scale has been modified with reference to the orders of Government and to circumstances subsequently brought to notice; but there are apparent discrepancies in the Tabular Statement now submitted, which require to be explained. The necessity of the royasom and the peons was represented by Mr. Clarke, the late Sub-Collector of Madura, in his letter* dated 13th April 1855, para 20; and the addition of the fourth Curnum is now explained by the Board. But the discrepancies to which the Government refer are: first, that in the Tabular Statement, the existing establishment is shewn as consisting of only three Curnums at a monthly expense of Rupees 35, whereas it was formerly stated that there were also eleven Natumgars and Tundals costing Rupees 44-6, and making the total charge Rupees 79-6; and secondly, that the Board now state the proposed increase amounts to only Rupees 68, whereas the real sum appears to be Rupees 103.

Bd's. Proceedings 11th June 1855, No. 1493.

4. It is stated by the Collector that an additional Curnum is required by reason of two villages having been transferred from Coimbatore to Madura by the settlement of a boundary dispute. Before sanctioning this addition, the Government would wish to be informed by whom the duty of Curnum was performed in these two villages while they belonged to Coimbatore, and why the same person cannot do the same duty now. Perhaps he has other villages in the Coimbatore District; but it is not uncommon for a Curnum to perform the duties of villages in different Districts.

5. The Government have further to point out that in the column headed "proposed scale," only the proposed increase of establishment is exhibited, so that this column and the increase column shew exactly the same figures. With these remarks, the Government resolve to return the statement to the Board for revision and explanation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government.

A Copy of the foregoing Extract Minutes Consultation with the Board's letter to which

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which it is a reply, to be communicated to the Collector of Madura, who will be pleased to furnish the explanation required by Government in para 4.

(True Extract & Copy)

S. D. Birch(?)
Secretary

To
R. J. Parker Esqr
Collector of Madura

Compd. R.M.

No. 62/1858
From the Board of Revenue
Dated 4th March 1858
With One Enclosure

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
17th January 1856.

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From

G. S. Forbes Esq.
Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To

J. D. Bourdillon Esq.
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 17 September 1855, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying letter, from the Collector of Madura, forwarding (d/ 10th Dec. /55.) for sanction a Tabular Statement, in the prescribed form, of the additional Establishment required for the Pulney Hills.

2. The expense of the present Establishment amounts to Rupees 35 per mensem, and the addition proposed to it to Rupees 68 thus making

a total annual charge of Rupees 1230.
In consequence of two additional Villages having been added to the circle of six villages called Yettoor from the Coimbatore district by the settlement of a boundary dispute, it has become absolutely necessary that another Curnum should be entertained in addition to the one previously recommended for the purpose. Pro to Govt. 23rd 1855 P. 7

3. The Government having in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 12th July 1855 para 5 recognized the necessity of increasing this Establishment, the Board recommend that the additions proposed to it may be sanctioned.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
17th January 1856.

I have &c.
(Sig) G. J. Forbes
Ag Secretary

(True Copy)

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Secretary

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Revenue Department.

No. 900

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 31st March 1856.

Read the following:

No. 15.

Extract from a Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 19th September 1855.

Escheat to Government of Erachi Kanaiknoor Polliem in Madura.

Para 48. We are satisfied of the correctness of your decision that this Estate has escheated to Government in default of legal heirs. You will hereafter inform us of the result of the judicial Proceedings still pending in relation to this Case.

No. 6.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated the 5th January 1856.

Para 11. The further correspondence* which will be transmitted with the reply to this para, will inform the Honorable Court that the Sudr Udalut have set aside the orders of the lower Courts in the matter of this property and that the Government in their resolution of the 6th November have

* Revenue Consultation 18th September 1855. Nos. 37–38.
16th October — " — " — 44–45.
6th November — " — " — 25–26.

have allowed Veerakamoo Ummal, the unsuc-cessful claimant, to hold for life, free of tax, certain lands and Topes at present in her possession, bearing an annual assessment of Rs. 92, in consideration of her disappointed expectations.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) [illegible] Bourdillon
Secretary to Govern^t.

Resolved that Para 48 of the foregoing Extract from the Honorable Courts Despatch, with Para 11 of the orders of Government thereon, be communicated to the Collector of Madura.

(True Extract & Copies)

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Sub Secretary

To
R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

From the Board of Revenue
Dated 31 March 1836.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 3rd April 1856.

Read the following:

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 310.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 17th March 1856.

Read the following.

No. 307.

From

CECIL BEADON, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India.

To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 25th February 1856.

Home Department. SIR,

Sep. Rev. With reference to Section V. of Act. No. I of 1856, which declares it to be unlawful to import obscene Books and Pictures, and enacts that they shall be seized and destroyed by any Officer of Customs, I am directed by the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to request that the attention of the Customs authorities may be drawn to the Section in question.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Sea Customs through the Board of Revenue for his information and guidance.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government.

Resolved that Copies of the foregoing Extract Minutes of Consultation be furnished to all Officers in charge of Customs Offices, for future guidance.

(True Extract and Copy)

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Sub Secretary

To

R. D. Parker Esq.

Collector of Madura.

Comp^d RH

Answered 24 April 1856. 84

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Revenue Department

No 1080

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 10th April 1856.

Read the following:

Public Works Department.
Public

No 433

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 27th March 1856

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

Reporting completion of 600 lithographed maps of Trichinopoly, forwards 10 specimens with an Index map with price affixed to each - suggests that 50 copies at a time be sent to the Stationary Depôt for sale. Pasting and Colouring to be charged for at intervals on small Contingent Bills. On the orders of Government the necessary advertisement will be inserted in the Fort St George Gazette	(Here Enter 4th February 1856 No 36.)

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6. An inspection of the District Map suggested several improvements to be made in the conformation of the

Talooks

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Talooks, to which the Government resolve to call the attention of the Collector. In Extract Minutes of Consultation November 26th 1855, No. 1293, Paras 6 and 7, some striking irregularities were noticed in the boundaries of the Conaud and Vitticutty Talooks, and suggestions were made for their rectification. It may now be pointed out that a small part of Vitticutty is wholly separated from the bulk of the Talook by intervening parts of Conaud, that a Village or Villages of Madura are enclosed in Vitticutty; that parts of Tonrire are isolated in Palgoody and Moosery, and a part of Moosery in Tonrire; that again Villages of Volcondaporam are in two instances thus insulated in Arialore; and lastly that the Eastern boundary of Oodiarpolliam is extremely irregular. For the increased efficiency of the administration both Revenue and Police, it is very desirable that these irregularities should be corrected. It also appears to Government that the very extensive Talook of Tonrire might be beneficially both reduced in size and rendered more compact by the transfer of the more remote parts

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to adjoining Talooks. Thus the South west Corner might be transferred to Moosery and the South East to Lalgoody, while some of the Eastern Villages about Chetticolum and Tripatore, might be transferred to Volcondapoorum. In like manner some of the western parts of the large Talook of Oodiarpollam might be transferred to Arcaloor. It also occurs, as the Cusbah of the last mentioned Talook is so far South as Keelapolur, that it might be well to transfer the Northern parts of that Talook to Volcondapoorum, in exchange for the Southern part of the latter, by which both Talooks would be concentrated. The Governor in Council resolves to communicate this Paragraph through the Board of Revenue to the Collector of Trichinopoly for his careful consideration and report.

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(A True Extract)
(Sd) J. D. Bourdillon
Secy to Govt.

Resolved that copy of Para 6 be forwarded to the Collectors of Madura and Trichinopoly, with a request that

that they will state their views regarding the changes which are here proposed. It is observed that the alterations which formed the subject of a late Correspond=*
=ence do not include the suggestions now given. An early reply is requested from the Collector of Trichinopoly, as the map of that District is about to be Lithographed; but the work must await the alterations which these changes may render necessary.

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(A True Extract & Copy)

[signature]
Secretary

To,
R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of
Madura

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From Board of Rev[illegible]
Dated 10 April 1836

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Revenue B^d Office,
Fort Saint George,
23^d April, 1856.

No. 1216

From

G. S. Forbes Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To

R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2^d January 1856, written in reply to their Proceedings of the 11th December 1855 and supplying further information regarding the subjects there referred to.

2. — The Board look upon both the questions raised in your letter of the 23^d October 1855 as important, and I am desired to inform you that in reporting on Mr. Stokes' proposed Act, they will bring to the notice of Government the propriety of defining the obligations of

Enamdars

Enamdars in respect of ~~the~~ works of irrigation existing in their Villages.

The difficulties arising from the want of an authorized head to represent the body of Co-sharers in Enams, in their various transactions with the Officers of Government and with their ryots, will also be noticed.

Revenue B^d. Office,
Fort Saint George,
23^d. April 1856.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t. Servant,

T. Pycroft(?)
Secretary.

To
R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

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Revenue Department

No. 1358

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 6th May 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 31st March 1856.

(Here enter No. 73)

In his letter of the 26th November the Collector explained that the alienation of a portion of the Goorocul Enam here alluded to, had been made by the Grand father of the person who now wishes to obtain its restoration.

2. The Enam was granted originally for subsistence to the Rajah's Gooroo and a portion of it was allotted by him to his cook, whose grandson still holds it. This alienation appears to be beyond the operation of Regulation VII of 1817, no religious duties being in any way connected with the grant. The Board are therefore of opinion that

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the case should be left to the Courts –
and that the Collector need not in-
terfere. –

(A true Extract)

G. D. Parker
Secretary

To R. D. Parker Esq
Collector of Madura. –

Comp. R. Newbiggin

From Board of Revenue
Dated 6th May 1806. –

Taken 16/5/56

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Revenue Department

No. 1372

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 8th May 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 15th March 1856.

(Here Enter No. 59)

The Board of Revenue authorize the payment of the Malikhana of 10 per cent on account of the Estate of Valayaputty to Lutchmana Soondra Mahalinga Datchanamoorty Chinnaya Ramia Naik, the son of the last recipient.

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Secretary

To
R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

No 195
From Board of Rev
Dated 8 May 1856

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Petitions given to the Translator
27 May 1856.

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Revenue Department

No. 1522.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th May 1856.

Read letters from the Collector of Madura dated 29th February and 9th April 1856.

(Here enter Nos. 45 & 75).

Resolved that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions Nos. 3567 of 1855, and 214-673-443 & 1041 of 1856, and forwarded to the Collector of Madura for delivery to Petitioner under Section III, Regulation III of 1831.

"The Board of Revenue having reviewed the Collector's Proceedings in this case, reject this Petition, and refer Petitioner to seek redress, if he thinks proper, in the established Courts of Adalut."

(A true Extract)

To
R. D. Parker Esqr.
Collector of Madura

[signature]
Secretary

No 155
From Board of Revl
Dated 19 May 1806

Answered 2nd June 1856 No. 118.

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No. 1524

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 20th May 1856.

Read Extract from minutes of Consultation under date the 9th May 1856.

(Here Enter No. 475)

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Trichinopoly, who will make the necessary arrangements for taking under his management the Villages to be transferred from Madura to his District.

2. The Collector of Madura, to whom a copy of the order of Government has been sent direct, will also furnish a list of the Villages to be so transferred.

(A True Extract)

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Secretary

To

R. D. Parker Esq.

Collector of Madura

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From Board of Health

Dated 20 May 1816

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No. 1585

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22d. May 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 24th. April 1856.

(Here enter No. 84)

The Board of Revenue see no reason to disturb the Collector's decision in this case.

C. O. 3d. April /50. Vol. 1. Po. 517.

As regards the general question, the Board concur with him in considering Regulation VI of 1831 applicable to all Village Offices and their emoluments in Zemindaries as well as in Government Villages. With the exception only of the Curnum's office in Zemindaries - and they approve of his endeavors to prevent the improper subdivision alienations of the allowances attached to such offices.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions Nos. 2772 and 3417 of 1855 and 1303 of 1856.

"The Board of Revenue see no reason to disturb the decision of the Collector in this case."

(A true Extract)

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Secretary.

To

R. D. Parker Esq.

Collector of Madura.

Compd.

No 166
From Board of Revenue
Dated 22 May 1856

Taken June 18th June /5?

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No. 1586

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 26th May 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 6th May 1856.

(Hereenter No. 90)

The Board of Revenue authorize the arrangement proposed by the Collector in favor of the daughter of the present incumbent Valavundat.

(A true Extract)

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Sub Secretary.

To

R. D. Parker Esq.

Collector of Madura.

No. 165

From Board of Revenue
Dated 26th May 1856 -

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No. 1665

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 31st May 1856

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 10th April 1856.

(Here enter No. 79)

The Collector is requested to submit separately the case of Thristna Chap No. 57 in this Statement, with copies of the Purwanah, of Mr Viveash's letter of the 11th June 1832, and of the entry in Mr Hurd's list.

A true extract

G. O. [illegible]

Secretary

To

R. D. Parker Esq

Collector of Madura

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Dated 31 May 1856

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
3d June 1856.

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No. 1696

From
G. S. Forbes Esqr
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To
R. D. Parker Esqr
Collector of Madura

Sir,

With reference to your Tabular Report of a lapsed Enam and Yeomiah dated 5th April 1856, I am desired by the Board of Revenue to request that you will forward an Extract of all that relates to the Enam in the Mahratta Register of 1817 alluded to by you, and State whether the then incumbent was the present deceased, or whether intermediate lapses and renewals had taken place since 1817 in the latter case the details relative to these changes should be given. It is also desirable that you

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should communicate the particulars of the entry of this Enam in the Hoozoor English Register, which the Board pre-sume has been kept for all Enams of this description.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most obedient servant,

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
3d. June, 1856

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Secretary

To R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

Compd.
R Newbiggin

No 176
From Board of Revenue
Dated 3d June 1856

Answered 19 June 1856

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Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
5th June 1856.

No. 1733

From
G. S. Forbes Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
To
R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23d May, requesting the instructions of the Board regarding the disposal of an application made to you by the Totties of an Ayen Village to enforce their claims to Swatuntrums. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will inform them, whether any reference was made to the levy and disposal of the 12½ per cent "Podoo Salevoo" on the occasion of the substitution of a fixed money Assessment for the Amany system.

2. The Board are aware that there is at present no legal provision for

for levying the fees of Village Officers from the community, when they are not enterd in the ryots Puttahs as forming an acknowledged part of the land Assessment; but when the duties performed are for the benefit of the ryot and not of the Government, they are of opinion that the payment of fees should be a matter of mutual arrangement, this being the system best calculated to secure from the Village servant the efficient discharge of his function.

3. The Board presume from your letter that the fees to which you allude are not entered in the ryots Puttahs, and have not hitherto been collected by distraint and sale.

Revᵉ. Bᵈ. Office,
Fort St. George,
5th. June, 1856.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E. Smith (?)
Secretary

To R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

Bd of Revenue
Dated 5 June 1856

Copy furnished to the Ag Sub Collr 17 June 1856

Filed suit to the Sub Colr with translations of answers on the 20 June 185[illegible]

See letter to Bd 6 Decr 1856 regarding No. 26 of 1855

Revenue Department 127

No. 1816

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13th June 1856.

Read the following:

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 596.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 11th June 1856.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Madura forwarding translations of two suits (Nos. 26 of 1855, and 7 of 1856,) instituted in the Sub-Court of Madura against the Acting Sub-Collector and others, with drafts of proposed answers, and recommending that sanction be granted for defending both suits in the first instance at the public cost. (Here enter 30th May 1856, No. 1654.)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council grants authority for the defence in the first instance at the public expense of the two suits* instituted in the Sub-Court of Madura against the Acting Sub-Collector of the District, as reported in this letter; but will determine when a copy of the decree is submitted whether the costs, if any be adjudged against that Officer, shall be borne by him or by the Government.

* *No. 26 of 1855.*
,, *7 of 1856.*

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon.

Secretary to Government.

To be communicated to the Collector of Madura for information and guidance with reference to his letter of 15 May 1856

2. The Board have slightly modified para 1 of the draft answer in suit 26 of 1855, as per copy accompanying.

(A true Extract & Copy)

J. A. Sim

Sub Secretary

Bd 15 May/56 No 96

To

W. C. Parker Esq

Collector of Madura

Compd [illegible]

No. 783
1836.

From
Board of Rev.

Dated 13 June 1836.

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to go to Sub Coln by this days post

No. 3

Draft of a proposed Answer to the O.S. No. 26 of 1855, on the file of the Sub Court.

The Claims of the Plaintiff are unfounded

1. The road in question was constructed in 1845, and the Plaintiff must be assumed to have agreed to it, as he made no objection at the time and preferred no appeal to higher authority. Being a Vakeel by profession, he must have known what course he ought to have pursued, if dissatisfied, but by his long silence he has allowed the villagers to establish a right of way.

Palney
29 April 1856

(Signed) R. Pennefather
Acting Sub Collector

(True copy)

J. A. Sim
Sub Secy

Recd 7 Dec 57 — No 1834. To B. 12 Nov 56 129

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13th June 1856.

Read the following.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 481.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 10th May 1856.

Read again letter from the Commissioner Northern Circars 20th November 1854 No. 165 recorded in Extract Minutes of Consultation 13th March 1856 No. 290.

1. In this letter the late Commissioner of the Northern Circars brought under the notice of Government the extensive frauds which he had ascertained to be committed in the Salt Department in the Districts under his charge, and proposed certain changes in the arrangements of the Department, with the view of checking the evil. The consideration of these proposals was by Extract Minutes of Consultation 13th March 1856, postponed until the result of Mr. Plowden's investigation into the Salt Revenue of this Presidency should be before Government; but as Mr. Elliot in his place at the Board has now observed that Mr. Plowden's Report may not be forthcoming for some years to come, and that meanwhile a large amount of Revenue is being year by year lost to the State, the Government proceed without further delay to consider the measures necessary for protecting the Revenue from this source.

Paras. 2 and 6.

2. The Commissioner after exhibiting the Salt Sales in the five Districts for the five years closing with Fusly 1262, distinguished under the heads of Home and Inland consumption and Export by sea, expresses his belief that gross frauds are practised in the sales for Home consumption, giving his reasons for that conviction. He adds that "more recent enquires have left no room to doubt that extensive malversation in this Department has been carried on with the connivance of the principal Government Servants." Assuming after careful enquires into the habits of the poorer classes of the inhabitants the average quantity of Salt used by each person to be 7 $\frac{5}{16}$th Seers, which he states is rather under than over the mark, the Commissioner Estimates the quantity required for the population of the five Districts at Maunds 7,83,205, and shews that the actual sales of Salt after deducting the portion which found a vent to the Maliahs and other places, and including the Imports from other Districts, amounted only to Maunds 4,01,125, the difference between the two amounts Maunds 3,82,080 indicating the loss of revenue annually sustained under this head. In Rajahmundry alone does the consumption of Salt bear a reasonable proportion to the population, and this is attributed by the Commissioner to the greater efficiency of the Police in that District, owing it is stated to the exertions of Mr. Prendergast the late Collector and Magistrate. Guntoor comes next; and there too, the result he adds, is in accordance with what was to be expected from the state of the Police.

Paras. 7 and 8.

3. The Commissioner attributes this state of things to the present organization and pay of the Establishments to which the charge of the Salt Stations is committed. He justly remarks that in no branch of the revenue are the opportunities for embezzlement so frequent, or the temptation to profit by them so great; but he points out that the rates of salary fixed for the remuneration of the Salt servants are altogether incommensurate, the highest salary to any Ameen or Superintendent of a Salt Cotaur being only 60 Rupees a month, while in Ganjam and Vizagapatam where frauds are believed to be the greatest, and most systematic, it is much less. The Ameen of Nowpadah in Ganjam entrusted with the manufacture and sale of Salt averaging from one and a half to two Laks of Rupees a year receives a monthly salary of only 30 Rupees; being the same amount that is drawn by the Ameens of two Cotaurs in the Vizagapatam District where the sales are only Rupees 31,943, and 20,962 respectively. Other anomalies are also presented in this Report not only in respect of salaries, but also in regard to the strength of the several Establishments; but it is not necessary to enter further into a recapitulation of them.

Paras. 9 to 15.

4. The remedial measures proposed by the Commissioner are to reduce the number of places of manufacture, proportionately enlarging the make at the places retained; and to employ the saving in establishments thus effected, to augment the salaries at the stations retained. The total number of stations for manufacture and Sale is now fourteen, of which the Commissioner proposed to abolish seven; viz. two out of four in Ganjam, two out of four in Vizagapatam, the other two to be united under one Superintendent; and one out of two in each of the other three Districts.

Another proposal was to establish Depôts for the sale of Salt to supply the place of the stations abolished. Mr. Elliot consulted the Collectors on the subject and they generally concurred in his views; the only exception being in Vizagapatam, where the late Collector was in favour of retaining the station of Nellamookoo near the Town of Vizagapatam. But the Commissioner states (para. 10) that the salt made at this station is of inferior quality, and that the position affords facilities for smuggling; and the Governor in Council agrees with him in the opinion that it ought to be abolished.

5. The following statement shews the proposed arrangement at one view and the expenditure involved in it.

Districts.	Cotaurs to be continued.	Estimate of future required produce.	Superintendent.		Establishment.		Total.
			Persons.	Salary.	Persons.	Salary.	Rupees.
Ganjam.	Ganjam.	1,50,000	1	100	29	147	247
	Nowpadah.	2,50,000	1	150	48	238	388
Vizagapatam.	Coopilly. Conadah.	2,00,000	1	150	54	269	419
Rajahmundry.	Pittapoor.	4,00,000	1	200	57	287	487
Masulipatam.	Pandrakah.	4,50,000	1	200	57	298	498
Guntoor.	Chinna Ganjam.	5,00,000	1	200	67	368	568
					Total Rupees		2,607

Deduct charge of present establishment in the above Cotaurs. - - - 1,352-12-0

Do. of establishment in the Cotaurs proposed to be abolished. - - - 1,062-8-0

2,415- 4 0

Net increase... 191-12-0

6. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council entirely approves of the proposed measures so far as they relate to a reduction of the number of Cotaurs, and the reorganization of the Establishments attached to them. He considers those measures well calculated to effect the improvement so much needed; and he fully recognizes the justice of the Commissioner's remark (para. 24) that under any probable alteration of system in consequence of Mr. Plowden's enquiries and report, the necessity of improving the Establishments of the Salt Department and of concentrating the manufacture, will remain in full force. In order however to obviate causes of delay in carrying the change into effect, he considers it proper so to modify the new scale of salaries that the present total amount shall not be exceeded. This may be effected by making 150 Rupees for the present the maximum salary of superintendents, and reducing those of Nowpodah and Copilly to 125 Rupees, or some other preferable distribution may perhaps be suggested. The Governor in Council resolves therefore to request the present Commissioner to submit after communication with the Collectors, statements of the Establishments to be attached to the salt Cotaurs under the views above expressed; taking care that the whole cost does not exceed the present charge. In preparing these statements the object should be to have no unnecessary servants, but to give liberal salaries. The late simplification of the accounts of the salt Department will make it practicable to fix a smaller number of accountants than would otherwise have been necessary.

7. As regards the seven cotaurs proposed to be abolished, the Government direct that no further manufacture of salt be permitted in them after the close of the present season; and that even from the very time these proceedings reach the several Collectors, the manufacture be stopped at those places as far as possible, and commensurately increased at the Pans to be retained.

8. As a large store of salt will remain at the close of the Fusly at the abolished stations, the Governor in Council would wish the Commissioner to report the arrangements which he would propose for its custody and early sale; viz. the details of the establishment to be kept up, and the means to be adopted towards selling off the Salt as soon as possible; restricting for that purpose the sales at the retained stations.

9. The Governor in Council would also desire the Commissioner to report the changes which he would propose to make immediately, and hereafter from time to time, in the establishments at the retained stations, pending the final discontinuance of the abolished stations. He will not insist that the progressive augmentations at the former shall be strictly limited to the reductions at the latter ;- but they must be to some extent proportioned to those reductions.

Para. 16 *at* 23.

10. As respects the further proposal to have Depots for the sale of salt, in substitution for those Çotaurs where the manufacture and sale will for the future be discontinued, the Governor in Council does not consider it necessary at present to pass any order. He is not of opinion that this measure is a necessary complement to the measures above approved and ordered: and the creation of Depôts in the present uncertain position of the salt Revenue seems to him inexpedient, because in the event of the abolition of the monopoly those Depôts would become useless. It was partly for this reason that the Government recently postponed the considertion of the subject of salt Depôts generally.

Ex. Min. Con. March 13*th* 1856, *No.* 295.

11. In conclusion, the Governor in Council would remark that the earliest attention of the Commissioner and the Collectors to this subject is desirable, the end of the Fusly being so near at hand.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government

13 June 185

No. 1980.
Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th June 1856. Read the following.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Revenue Irrigation.

No. 747.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 21st May 1856.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

Forwarding Draft Act for the better protection for all works of Irrigation in the Madras Presidency. (Here enter 23d October 1855, No. 2017.)

1. With this letter the Chief Engineer submits draft of an Act, drawn up by Mr. Forbes, Collector of Tanjore and slightly modified in his own office, for the preservation of works of irrigation, navigation, and drainage. He represents the fact that such works are now exposed to injury, either through neglect, malice, or motives of self interest, without liability to penal consequences. He notices the moral effect which he believes to have attended the mere existence of Act XX of 1852, in the facility it affords to the acquiring of land for public purposes, and argues that in like manner a salutary restraint will be imposed on persons of negligent habits or actuated by evil design, from the fear of subjecting themselves to the penalties which a violation of an express statute would draw on them, and that thus the actual infliction of those penalties will be very rare.

2. There can be no doubt as to the great necessity of a law for the regulation and protection of works of the kind referred to. The whole subject comprehends several branches, of which that taken up in the Draft Act now submitted is one, viz. the punishment of injury to and trespass on channels and their banks and the works connected with them. It appears to Government that the general provisions of this Draft would answer for this part of the subject; but they think that it may be abridged and expressed in simpler language, using general terms instead of attempting to define all particulars. It requires also, as Colonel Faber notices, to be enlarged in its terms, so as to include tanks and all their connected works.

3. The penal parts also require to be amended. It seems desirable to give some power of punishment under this Act to Heads of Police in petty cases; as this will operate both to make enquiry and decision prompt, and also to prevent parties being taken far from their homes on trifling charges. It appears to Government that heads of Police may safely have the same extent of power in cases of this nature, as they have or may hereafter have in cases of assaults and affrays, and the Government are also of opinion that instead of enacting new penalties and powers of punishment, the best course will be to declare those already existing applicable to the new offences. It might be enacted simply that the offences named in this Act shall be punishable by the heads of Police (Tahsildars) to the extent of their power, for the time being, in punishing asssaults; and more serious cases by Magistrates and their assistants, to the extent of their general power under Section XXXII Regulation IX of 1816, and Section LIV Act VII of 1843. The proceedings both of heads of Police and of Magistrates under this Act, to be subject to the same supervision and appeal as under other laws. Section V of the Draft should also be omitted, and offences under this Act be left to be proved according to the ordinary rules of evidence.

4. The Governor in Council is further of opinion that as regards the offences enumerated both in Section I and Section II of the Draft, provision should be made for levying from the offender, in addition to the penalty, a sum sufficient to repair the damage done in the first case, and to remove the obstruction in the second; and also to repair any injury to the bed or banks of the river or canal, which such obstruction may have caused. And here it seems to Government that it will not be unjust to provide that if the actual offender cannot be found, or if he be too poor to make good the damage done, then the means of doing this may be recovered from the village community, or from the proprietor of the land in fact benefitting by the act. A precedent for this course exists in Act XX of 1855 for the establishment and maintenance of the boundary marks in this Presidency; in which it is provided (Section V) that where the perpetrator of wilful injury to such marks cannot be found, the cost of restoration or repair may be levied on the owners or occupiers of the adjacent lands, or on the village community.

5. Another branch of the subject is wilful waste and fraudulent appropriation of water. This is a source of enormous loss to the State, and it is owing to several causes. First; from the extreme fewness of Engineers hitherto, none or scarcely any of the Government channels or

tanks are provided with really efficient outlets, or with such as afford the means of regulating the supply. They are generally vastly larger than necessary, and thus the easy means of waste are placed in the hands of the Ryots; and these are freely used, both from reckless neglect, and in order to injure other Ryots further down the channel. Second; from the same cause, viz. the paucity of Engineers and other guardians of works, there has been no agency at hand to detect and bring to light those delinquencies. Here and there a flagrant case is indeed brought to notice, like that of the Calingaroyen channel in Coimbatore by Colonel F. C. Cotton in 1850; but that is only a passing notice, for the Officer's attention is called away by his numerous other duties, and there is no established agency on the spot to guard systematically against these offences. The establishments indeed are gradually becoming stronger and better able to attend to this duty; but every considerable work ought to have a special protective agency, which may be little expensive in itself, but which, acting under responsible Officers never very distant, will be efficient for its object. Third; is the want of a sufficient law for punishing these offences. The creation of an efficient Irrigation police, so to call it, will speedily bring this want into prominent notice; it has already done so in the Godavery Division, and will do so every where. It will also open the way for gradually providing all channels with proper works of outlet. It is the third of the disabling causes above enumerated which is now to be considered; viz. the enactment of a law for punishing the stealing or wasting of water. On this subject, and indeed on that of injury to the works also, there is much that seems very appropriate in the Italian laws as given by Captain Baird Smith;* for example the extracts given by him from the Sardinian Code at pages 316 to 318 of Vol. II, and the regulations of the Royal Canals, pages 307, &c. At page 305 also, there are some very appropriate rules, which are even now generally recognized in this country though not positive law, prohibiting the alteration of dams, &c.

* "Italian Irrigation."

6. Act VII of 1845 contains the legislation for the canals of North India. Sec. II enables the Lieutenant Governor to make rules for regulating the irrigation and navigation of the canals; and the rules made accordingly, impose a very light penalty* for stealing or wasting water; viz. for stealing, double the value of the water so stolen, i. e. proved to have been stolen; and for wasting, a penalty not exceeding the highest water rate for the land flooded. Such a rule in this Presidency would not only be inadequate, but its very form would be unsuitable. Sec. V. of the Act provides for the punishment of wilful obstruction to canals, or injury to their banks. This Section is far more concise than the Draft submitted by the Chief Engineer, and in the opinion of Government would meet the case equally well.

* Vide VII and IX of the rules giving effect to Act VII of 1845, page 339 of Vol. II, Baird Smith's Italian Irrigation.

Page 335, ibid.

7. There is another subject which ought certainly to be provided for in the proposed Act, viz. the regulation of the demand for unpaid labor in certain cases. Forced labor for the execution of Government work will, it is hoped, no longer exist; but in every part of the country there are operations in connection with irrigation and cultivation, which are by custom performed by the village communities concerned, under certain rules; and without the performance of which, the cultivation of the village or set of villages depending on the tank or channel, is impeded or prevented. Generally the influence of the village authorities or of the whole village body is sufficient to get the work done; but occasionally some troublesome and obstinate individual refuses to give his labor, and as the others will not work for him, the work is not done, and all are losers as well as the Government. Again, in cases of emergency, such as the breach of a tank, or of a river or channel bank, it is right and necessary for the common good, that there should be power to press labor to repair the damage. In such cases too, the parties liable usually submit to the demand; but occasionally they resist.

8. It is highly desirable therefore that there should be a law passed, defining in general terms the liability to furnish labor in both the cases above described, and providing penalties for refusal. With such a law in existence, men called upon to give assistance in such cases would not be likely to be refractory, knowing the demand on them to be lawful, and capable of legal enforcement; but in cases of refusal, there would be no occasion to resort to coercion, as the remedy would be simply to take means afterwards to levy the prescribed penalty. This should be heaviest in the latter of the two cases above stated; and in respect to labor of that

nature, it should also be provided that parties called on to work should be paid, and at liberal rates; and that those required to work at night should receive double pay. If it is a Government work, payment for the labor will of course be made from the public Treasury; if it belongs to a private party, wholly or partly, provision should be made for levying the amount from him.

9. The Act should set out with a declaration of what is certainly the Common law of this country; viz. that rivers and natural streams, as well as springs in unoccupied or Government land, belong to Government. This is maintained and made matter of enactment in the laws of Piedmont and Lombardy as given by Captain B. Smith. Proprietors of land are entitled in those States to the water of springs coming to the surface within their estates, (subject to the prescriptive rights of proprietors lower down), and also to all water that they may obtain from below the surface; but no one has a right to take water from a river or torrent flowing by or through his land, without a grant from the crown. The power of Government to construct works of irrigation, and to levy a reasonable tax for the use of the water, might also be declared.

Italian Irrigation, Vol. II, pages 240 and 253.

Pages 255 and 256, ibid.

10. With these remarks, the Government resolve to transmit the papers to the Government Pleader, with the request that he will prepare a Draft of an Act embodying the general provisions above stated. The main objects of the enactment should be the following.

1st. To punish injury to the works, whether done wilfully or caused by culpable negligence; and in certain cases, to recover the means of compensating and repairing the damage.

2nd. To punish the wasting or stealing of water.

3rd. To regulate and legalize compulsory labor in two cases.

- 1st. That of certain works immediately connected with agriculture, which by the custom of the country, are performed jointly by the general body of ryots of one or more villages.
- 2nd. That of sudden and serious damage to tanks, rivers, channels, or other works, when for the general good immediate repair is necessary.

The Act should also contain a few declaratory provisions of a general nature.

11. In preparing the Draft, Mr. Norton will be at full liberty to communicate freely with the Board of Revenue and with the Chief Engineer, as well as with Officers in the interior, both in the Revenue and the Public Works Department; and all Officers so applied to by him will hold themselves bound to afford him all the information and assistance in their power, on the points whereon he may desire either.

(A true Extract.)

J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Resolved that copies of the foregoing Extract Minutes Consultation be circulated to all Collectors. The Board will be prepared to receive any suggestions their experience may lead them to offer in connection with the subject here treated of.

(True Extract & copy)

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Secretary.

To, R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

No. 235
1836
From Board of Rev
Dated 30 June 1836

Copy furnished to the Asst Sub Collector with letter 14th July 1856.

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Revenue Department.

No. 2111

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th July 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 23d June 1856.

(Here enter No. 136)

The Board confirm the nomination of Vencatasawmy Naick to the Trusteeship of the Pulney Devastanum. They are however unable to authorize the appointment of a Subha for the annual audit of accounts as it has been expressly ruled (Boards Proceedings 28th June 1852 Page 85 — Circular Orders 2d Volume) that "no persons should be allowed to exercise a control over the Trustees without a special Enactment".

2. In the opinion expressed by Mr Parker as to the expediency of such a course the Board entirely concur, but

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until Pagoda trusts, are placed under the surveillance of a Subha by the provisions of a new Enactment: It occurs to the Board however that the difficulty may be partly overcome by appointing the 3 persons who were proposed as a Subha, as Co-trustees, if the Collector deems this course desirable.

(A true Extract)

G. Stiles (?)
Secretary

To,
R. D. Parker Esq
Collector of Madura.

No 270
From the Board of Rev
Dated 8 July 1856

Compd: [illegible]

No. 2130 R

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July, 1856.

Read the following

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 688.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 4th July 1856.

Read the following letter *from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal; to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William the 18th June* 1856, *No.* 349.

SIR,

MIS: REVENUE.
SALT.

I am directed to forward herewith, a copy of a letter No. 601, dated the 16th Instant, from the Officiating Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue; and to request that with the permission of the Right Honorable the Governor of Fort Saint George, the necessary instructions may be issued with a view to the insertion of a clause of the nature referred to, in the agreements made by shippers of Government Salt, loading at the Ports of the Madras Presidency.

From the Officiating Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Fort William the 16th June 1856, *No.* 601.

SIR,

SALT.

J. Dunbar, and W. Dampier, Esqrs.

With reference to your letter of the 7th Instant, No. 322, I have the honor by direction of the Board of Revenue, to solicit that the Government of Fort Saint George may be addressed with a view to the insertion of a clause to the following effect in the agreements made by shippers' loading at the Madras ports with Government Salt deliverable at Sulkea.

"I engage that the Vessel shall, at my own expense occupy the moorings in the river Hooghly laid down by Government near the Sulkea Golahs, all the time her cargo of salt is being discharged."

Commander.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) W. GREY,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, who will be requested to attend carefully to the wishes of the Government of Bengal on the point specified.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government.

Copies of the foregoing Extract Minutes Consultation to be forwarded to the Collectors of all Maritime Districts, who will without fail insert the new clause in agreements entered

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entered into with shippers of Salt.

(True Extract & Copies)

E. A. Trotter
Secretary

To
R. D. Parker Esqr
Collector of Madura

No 210
From Board of Reve
Dated 10th Augt 1805

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Revenue Department.

No. 2179

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July, 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 31st May 1856.

(Here enter No. 112)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition Nos. 2755 and 3658 of 1855.

"Under the explanation furnished by the Collector the Board see no reason to interfere on petitioner's behalf.

A true Extract

[signature]

Secretary

To,

R. D. Parker Esq.

Collector of Madura.

No 221

From Board of Rev.

Dated 12 July 1808

W. H. Ewels.

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No. 2299 R

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 23d July 1856.

Read the following

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 752.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 19th July 1856.

Read the following Endorsement from the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India on the application of this Government dated 27th May 1856, for an increase to the Establishment on the upper and lower ranges of the Pulney Hills in the District of Madura.

Office to which the proposition refers.	Present Scale.	Rs.	A.	P.	Proposed Scale.	Rs.	A.	P.	Increase. Rs.	A.	P.
Collector of Madura.	5 Curnums at 7 Rs. each	35	0	0	9 Curnums at 7 Rupees each, - - - - -	63	0	0	28	0	0
					2 Peishcars, one for the upper, and one for the lower range of the Hills, to be vested with the authority of an Ameen of Police and village Moonsiff, at Rupees 25 each, -	50	0	0	50	0	0
					1 Roysum, - -	7	0	0	7	0	0
					4 Peons at 4½ Rs. each,	18	0	0	18	0	0
	Total...	35	0	0	Total....	138	0	0	103	0	0

No. 3008.

Sanctioned by order of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
The 27th June 1856.

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 809.

Forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for information.

By order

HOME DEPARTMENT,
The 4th July 1856.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Officiating Under Secretary.

Ordered that the foregoing sanction be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings of the 25th April 1856, and also to the Offices of Account and Audit.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government.

To be communicated to the Collector of Madura, for information and guidance.

(True Extract & Copy)

[signature]
Secretary.

To
R. D. Parker Esq
Collector of Madura.

From Board of Reve
Dated 23 July 1856

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Copy to the Asst. Sub Collr and the 2 letters Nos. 2943 & 1075 of 1856 on the 6th August 1856

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No. 2421

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 1st August 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 24th July 1856.

(Here Enter No. 162)

From the details now given by the Collector, the Board learn that the land which forms the subject of this petition was assessed under the usual rules from the time of its reclamation till Fusly 1229, and that in that year the Curnum entered it as a Devastanum Endowment, subject to a low poroopoo, without any other authority than an alleged verbal order. The levy of the poroopoo since Fusly 1229 has therefore been the result either of fraud or carelessness, and the Collector has acted correctly in assessing the land at the rate which belongs to it under the rules.

Ordered that the Petitioner be referred to the Collector of Madura, who will communicate to him the purport of the foregoing proceedings.

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Secretary

To
R. C. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura

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From Board of Reve

Dated 1st Augt 1856

With Enclosures

Answered 20 June /57

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Revenue Department

No. 2433

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 1st August 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 27th March 1856.

(Here enter No. 68)

In this letter Mr. Parker repeats a suggestion formerly made by him that when ground is wanted to enlarge the site of a Village, or to form a new one, and no poromboke land is available, the local Officers should be allowed to allot Sheigal land for the purpose. Mr. Parker further recommends that cultivating ryots should receive plots of this ground for their houses rent-free, and that non-cultivators should pay assessment for the ground on which they build, but should be allowed to redeem it at so many years purchase.

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2\. At present the rule is that Sheegal or assessed land is not to be exempted from taxation when houses are built upon it, and there are obvious reasons for such a course. But there may be occasions, as observed by the Collector, when the spread of cultivation will be facilitated by the formation of a new hamlet, or by the extension of a Village site so as to admit more residents. The assignment of pieces of ground for occupancy in this manner is also in accordance with ancient usage.

3\. The sanction of Government is however required before assessed land can be appropriated to such a purpose and be exempted from payment of revenue. Mr. Parker is therefore instructed to report to the Board, for orders, any cases in which it appears desirable to appropriate Sheegal land to this purpose.

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The description, extent, and assess-ment of the land should be given, with a short explanation of the cir-cumstances which lead to the appli-cation. In any instances where delay is unadvisable, immediate reports may be made: but otherwise periodi-cal Statements, asking for assign-ments of land, can be forwarded.

4 The Board intend that the Sheigat land to be assigned for the purpose in view should be either waste, or such as can be obtained without expense to Government. They also wish the applications to be con-fined to occasions, where the form-ation of a new Village or the extension of an existing one is necessary to pro-mote cultivation. They are anxious to avoid lessening the value of private lands in the neighbourhood of towns or in populous districts by any mea-sure which would discourage their being sought for building purposes.

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5\. With regard to Mr. Parker's proposal that cultivating ryots should have the sites of their houses within the Nuttum Areas free, and non-cultivators be called on for assessment, the Board wish to be informed at what rate it is proposed to tax the latter, and what the practice of the District now is. They agree with Mr. Parker that it would be desirable to allow occupants of land within a Village Nuttum to redeem the land tax if practicable, but comparatively little advantage would arise to Government unless all the land in a Nuttum was redeemed, and the Board do not consider the measure capable of being carried out if, among other difficulties, a rule exists by which ground becomes ipso facto exempt from taxation on passing from a non-cultivating to a cultivating owner.

(A true Extract)

J. D. Sim
Sub Secretary

To
R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

Comp. [illegible]

From Board of Revenue
Dated [illegible] June 1852

Copy sent to the Sub Collector 18 August 1856.

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Revenue Department

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No. 2518

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 4th August 1856.

Read the following:

Revenue Department

No. 474.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 8th May 1856.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 28th August 1855 with the Board's observations, a letter from the Government Pleader, stating that it is neither expedient nor necessary to legislate upon the water disputes arising on the Neilgherries, observing on his suggestions for securing to Government a control over all streams in future, and stating that Mr. Stokes' proposed enactments will give summary power to Collectors, when their interference is required in disputes of the above nature.	(Here enter 19th April 1856, No. 1176)

In their order of August 28th 1855, No. 987, Government declared their opinion that legislation respecting

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the rights of private parties in running water on the Neilgherry Hills was unnecessary inasmuch as a proper legal remedy for infringement of such rights is already available. They at the same time expressed unwillingness to enter on the question of legislation in view to a redistribution of existing rights, but authorized the Board to confer with the Government Pleader on the subject. That Gentleman's letter now submitted forcibly represents the difficulties of the subject, and the Government are confirmed in the opinion that legislation upon it is unnecessary and inexpedient.

2. The Government approve the addition to future leases suggested by Mr Norton, as recited in para 3 of the Board's Proceedings, but on the distinct understanding that the absence of the new clause in leases now existing is not by any means to be held to exempt the holders from the operation

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of Act IV of 1837.

3. Adverting to the closing part of the Board's fourth para, the Governor in Council observes that he is far from being averse to an action being brought, when occasion may occur, to maintain the rights of Government. That which was objected to in the Order of August 28th, was to bring an action at the public cost to defend private rights; this was what the Board were understood to propose, though erroneously as it afterwards appeared. It does not appear to Government that the disputes alluded to by the Board in this para. are touched either by Regulations XII of 1816 and V. of 1822, or by Mr Stokes' proposed law in his Draft Act No. III, Section XXVII. All these enactments seem to apply only to the case of disputes between private parties, whereas the Board appear to contemplate that

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of an individual taking unoccupied water, without permission of the Authorities. In their Proceedings of the 11th September 1855, already adverted to, the Board seem to propose (para 3) that Government should in such a case sue the trespasser, on the ground that he infringes the right of the Public, viz. of possible future settlers who will thus be deprived of the water. The Governor in Council does not see how such an action would lie; but he would wish the Board to consult the Government Pleader on the subject. It would also be well to take Mr. Norton's opinion on the general question, what is the proper means of maintaining and enforcing the control of Government over springs and running water on the Neilgherries reserved by Rule 15 of the Manual, and which reservation is recommended by him to be inserted as a safe-

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guard in future leases.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort Saint George
27th June 1850

No. 1963.

From
G. S. Forbes Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To
J. D. Bourdillon Esq.
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to state, that in conformity with the instructions of Government contained in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 8th May 1850, No. 474, they requested the opinion of the Government Pleader, Sudder Udalut, on the course to be adopted, in order

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to maintain and enforce the control of Government over springs and running water on the Neighberies reserved by rule 15 of the Manual. The Board also wished to know whether an action might be maintained on behalf of Government against any individual possessing himself of water not already appropriated. C. O. Book, 1st Vol. Page 587.

2. The reply from Mr. Norton Dated 14th June 18[illegible] is herewith submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

3. Mr. Norton is of opinion, it will be seen, that where it is proposed to restrict the use of water, the Collector should, in each instance of granting land, carefully define what rights the tenant is to exercise over the water, and have the spring, and more especially the stream, surveyed and mapped, so as to shew any work which the tenant may be permitted to erect,

care being taken that no such works shall be allowed as will interfere with the use of future proprietors lower down the same stream.

4. If this plan is adopted, Mr. Norton thinks that any encroachment may be easily detected and dealt with by a Court of Law, but as expense and delay would be caused by litigation, he proposes a speedy means of redressing such injuries, viz. by giving the Magistrate power to interfere summarily, and which can be done in the Act he is now drawing up.

5. Mr. Norton's advice may therefore be summed up in a few words. 1st That all works affecting the flow of water which a Lessee shall be permitted to erect, should be exhibited on a Drafs before the grant of the land, and

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2d. That summary powers be given to the Magistrate to prevent all encroachments upon reserved rights.

8. The suggestions of Mr. Norton can of course be followed in all future grants of land and the Board think that he should be instructed to introduce Clauses in the new Act he is now drafting for the protection of public works, giving the Magistrate the necessary summary powers to interfere in cases of encroachment.

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
27. June 1856.

I have &c.
(Signed) G. S. Forbes
Secretary

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 772.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 26th July 1856.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Detailing the result of the Board's communication with the Government Pleader on the course to be adopted in order to maintain and enforce the control of Government over springs and running water on the Neilgherries, reserved by Rule 15 of the Manual; and submitting Mr. Norton's reply containing his opinion on the subject. (Here enter 27th June 1856, No. 1963.)

In accordance with the wish of Government, as expressed in para. 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation May 8th 1856, No. 474, the Board of Revenue sought the opinion of the Government Pleader as to the course to be taken in order to maintain the control of Government over springs and running water on the Neilgherries, reserved by Rule 15 of the Manual; and they also enquired whether an action would lie against an individual possessing himself of water not already appropriated.

2. As to the first question, Mr. Norton is of opinion that in making grants of land on the Neilgherries, springs and streams of water on the land should be accurately mapped and defined, as well as all works which the tenant shall then be permitted to erect on them; and that the rights to be exercised over the water should be accurately defined. Any infringement of these terms may be made matter of a Civil action, whether such infringement in fact injures any other party or not; and the same remedy would lie against a party usurping unoccupied water without any grant at all. For the more expeditious redressing of such wrongs however, Mr. Norton is of opinion that power should be given to the Magistrate to interfere summarily, treating such acts as of a criminal and public nature. Section I. of the draft Act for the protection of public and private works of irrigation, &c. prepared by the Government Pleader and now before Government, is so worded as to give such power to the Magistrate, and no special enactment is necessary.

3. The Government resolve to request the Board of Revenue to communicate the correspondence that has passed on the subject to the Collector of Coimbatore, as well as to the Collectors of other Districts where similar cases may be likely to occur, and to call the particular attention of those officers to the course pointed out by Mr. Norton, as respects both the points to be defined in future grants or leases, and as to the remedy in case of the infraction of such stipulations. It occurs to Government that it might also be useful to obtain from the Government Pleader, and furnish to the Collectors, a form of lease to be used in cases of this nature, with such modifications, as to the particulars of works and other details, as circumstances may require in each case.

4. Mr. Norton's suggestions relate primarily and chiefly to lands to be hereafter granted out. But they are also applicable in part to those already granted or in occupation. Encroachment or other wrong of the nature in question, on or in connection with such land, may be redressed or punished by the same means; it is equally liable to Civil action now, and will be equally liable to Criminal complaint before the Magistrate under the proposed Act. The only difference is that in the absence of an accurate definition of rights proof of the wrong will be less easy; but it will not by any means be impossible, because custom and reason will be accepted as proof. This circumstance should be pointed out to Collectors; and they should be reminded that the want of Maps and definitions is not to be understood to give impunity in wrong to present occupiers.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government.

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Resolved that copies of the foregoing Extract Minutes of Consultation and of the correspondence therein alluded to, be forwarded to the Collectors of the following Districts.

From Governm. 8th May 1825, No. 4
To Govt. 27th June

Tinnevelly,

Madura

Salem,

Coimbatore,

Malabar,

Canara — for their information, and for guidance in cases similar to those which have given rise to this correspondence —

(True Extract & Copies)

J. A. Sim
Sub Secretary

To
R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura —

Copy furnished to the Sub Collr 12 August 1856.

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Revenue Department.

No 2500

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 8th August 1856

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Read the following.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 798.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 1st August 1856.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Madura on the subject of the arrangement proposed by him for dividing the Establishment of the Ramgherry talook, and requesting that the sanction of Government may be accorded to the same. (Here enter 21st July 1856, No. 2286.)

With reference to the recently* authorized transfer of the Ramgherry talook from the Madura to the Trichinopoly District under its new designation of the Manapara talook, the Board of Revenue submit a correspondence which has taken place between the Collectors of the two Districts, regarding the division of the talook Establishment between the transferred talook and the twenty one villages constituting the Ramgherry Polliem, which have been retained in Madura and attached to the Taudicomboo talook. The arrangements as finally agreed to by the two Collectors and approved by the Board are as follow:

* *Ex. Mins. Cons. 9th May* 1856, *No.* 475.

To be retained in Madura for the Ramgherry Polliem.

	Rs.	A.
1 Gomastah,	14	0
2 Zillahdars,	20	0
2 Ausawmys,	8	0
8 Police Peons,	35	0
5 Revenue Peons,	17	8
Rupees...	94	8

To be transferred to Trichinopoly with the Manapara talook.

	Rs.	A.
1 Tahsildar,	50	0
1 Moozoomdar,	21	0
2 Gomastahs, @ 17½ each,	35	0
1 Do.	14	0
2 Roysoms, @ 10½ each,	21	0
1 Ausawmy,	4	0
1 Shroff,	10	8
1 Gollah Peon,	5	4
2 Zillahdars, @ 10 each,	20	0
2 Duffadars, @ 7 each,	14	0
8 Peons, @ 3½ each,	28	0
32 Do. @ 4-6-0	140	0
1 Sweeper,	0	12
Rupees...	363	8

This arrangement is approved and confirmed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. The Moyenzabitahs of the two talooks of Manapara and Taudicomboo will be amended accordingly.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collectors of Madura and Trichinopoly

(A true Extract)

To R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura

J. A. Sim
Sub Secretary.

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From Board of Heal
Dated 2 Augt 1856

Copy furnished to the Sub Collr 1st Sept 1856

Answered 9/12/56

Revenue Department.

No. 2650

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 15th August 1856.

Read again letter from the

In Cons 2nd April 1855. Collector of Madura, dated 30th of December 1854, reporting on the Settlement of the land revenue of his District for Fusly 1263. A.D. 1853-54.

(Here Enter No.)

The Board having received the Collector's report from the Secretary to Government with whom it had remained for some time, proceed to notice such parts of it, as have not been already touched upon in the general report to Government.

Para 2. 2. The Collector reports that in

C.O. 3rd Oct 1853. consequence of the Board's order that the settlement of the Sub Collectorate should once in five years be made by the Collector, he made an exchange of one Talook with the Sub Collector in the year under report. With reference to this exchange the Sub Collector in the 2nd paragraph of his report expresses a doubt whether he should report

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on the settlement of his own proper division or on the Talooks, the settlement of which he actually conducted - the latter course is obviously correct.

3 The Collector in this paragraph gives an abstract of the quinquennial statement No. 3 which accompanied his report on the settlement for Fusly 1262, of the nature and extent of the sources of irrigation in Madura - This abstract shews that there are in the District 2846 tanks, the repairs of which are always executed at the expence of Government, and 5325 which are repaired by the ryots themselves - but in the following paragraph the Collector states that these latter "sources of irrigation" are generally small ponds used for drinking water only, or irrigating an insignificant extent of cultivation. The Board remark that ponds of "drinking water only", should not be included among the sources of the district irrigation, and they wish that future returns, should shew those tanks only which are used bona fide for agricultural purposes - Para 5 From Collr. dated 28 Decr. 1853.

4. It is gratifying to find that the order of Government allowing the Para 7

the ryots the full benefit of their own improvements are appreciated and acted on in Madura - 43 new wells were dug by the ryots in the Collector's talooks, where garden cultivation is not extensively practiced, and in the Sub Collectorate where it is more common, these new works numbered 240.

Para 11. 5 The Collector here notices that the demand for the year was the highest on record, excepting only the previous year - and the collections appear to have been made with unusual facility - as the season which promised well was eventually by no means a good one, these results must be attributed to the high prices which all kinds of produce commanded owing to the great demand for export -

Para 14. 6 In remarking on a decrease in the dittam, the Collector says that the engagements of the ryots "vary much accord-"ing to the appearance of the season - They "know well that if any favorable change "should enable them to cultivate more, "the land will not be wanting - any of their "usual fields for which in any particular "year they may omit to engage, would rarely

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"be taken up by other ryots so strong a feeling
"of private property exists in this district
"and so much uncertainty as to the respect
"which the Civil Courts might pay to
"the Hoorkumnamah." The dittum having
been abolished, it is not necessary to say
anything on that point; but the Board
cannot pass without remark that part
of the Collector's report which they have
quoted above. The Board admit to the
fullest extent the Ryot's claim to be left
in undisturbed possession of his land
as long as he pleases to retain it, and
to pay the Government demand, but they
cannot allow his claim to retain a hold
upon land which he has once formally
resigned, and on which he has ceased
to pay a tax. The meerassy right is more
rigidly in force in Tanjore than in any other
district, and there land is more entirely
private property than in any part of the
Carnatic; but even there no such claim
is admitted as the Collector of Madura
represents to be made by the Ryots of
his district, and land relinquished
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the right which a ryot has to his land the Board conceive to consist in a right to cultivate it on condition of paying the Government tax, and they are of opinion that the right ceases immediately that the condition is abandoned. They do not suppose that the Civil Courts would uphold a contrary doctrine, and by a decree sanction the principle that land resigned by one ryot, could not be given to another, although the latter was willing to pay the tax which the former refused. They are willing that the question should at once be brought to issue, and they now authorize the Collector to give to any applicant land which has been formally resigned, and on which the late holder may decline to pay the demand - The Board refer the Collector to the 8th paragraph of their Proceedings of the 22d of October 1846 in review of the settlement for Fusly 1254, in which they said that "the present system "of permitting individuals to retain an inde-"finite hold on land to the prejudice and "exclusion of all others which they will "only plough if it suits their convenience

"is destructive of industry and improvement,
"and at the same time injurious to the revenue."

7 The Collector here enumerates the cases in which coercive process was had recourse to in realizing the public revenue, and includes a case of the collection of a small sum embezzled by a Natamgar in Fusly 1230. The Board remark that this collection should properly have been made under the provisions of Reg. IX of 1822, and that it does not come within the scope of a report on the revenue settlement. Para 50

8 The Board will now proceed to record their remarks on the Statements and accounts which accompanied the Collector's report.

9 In this paragraph the Collector subjoins a Statement shewing the number of villages and hamlets in the Principal Division only; but as a Collector's annual report is upon the entire district and not on a part only, it is necessary that this and other Statements should include the Sub division. In accounting for the increase of nine hamlets in the Government Talooks, the Para 4

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position of all is given, excepting the one formed by the emigration of Ryots from Tavaram Zemindary, and the Board are not informed to what talook this hamlet is attached. The totals, 814 villages, and 1638 hamlets are, it is observed, exclusive of those permanently settled, and those held in amaney.

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	Villages	Hamlets	Villages	Hamlets	Villages	Hamlets
By Statement No 1	165.	705	39.	76.	204.	781.
By Sub Collector's report	178	748	26.	29.	204	777.
Increase	13.	43	"	"	"	"
Decrease	"	"	13	47.	"	4.

Ploughs – Increase 195½

10 The discrepancy noted in the margin is observed when comparing the abstract subjoined to paragraph 6 of the Sub Collector's report and Statement No. 1.

Para 8.

11 In this paragraph the Collector shews comparatively the Statistics of his district as regard ryots, and ploughs – and while the adverse nature of the season is represented to have caused a decrease in the former, the Statement subjoined exhibits an increase in the number of the latter. Connected with this subject the Board wish to know the meaning of the entry of half a plough in the numbers entered in this Statement

12 In this paragraph the beriz of the Cabrolaty waste land remitted is given as Rs. 55504, while in Statement No. 13, the same item is entered as Rs. 69782, the difference being Rupees 14278. This discrepancy may have arisen from Statement No. 13 including land taken up subsequent to the dittum, but it was intended to have reference to the dittum land only. Para 15.

13 The abstract Statement appended to the 62 paragraph of the Sub Collector's report contains the full assessment of the land to which it refers as well as the grass tax, and is in this respect preferable to the Statements submitted by the Collector. But the Board do not consider it necessary to require the three Statements now submitted connected with the grass tax, and they would wish the Collector to substitute a single tabular abstract shewing, talook-war in the gross, the three items of grass tax at ¼ teerwah or ⅕th of the present grass tax on durkast land, and grass tax according to custom, the number of ryots, the extent of their holdings, the full tax, and the Para 38.

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grass tax will be shewn in the first item, and the grass tax only in the second and third.

14. The Board notice with satisfaction the high terms in which the Collector speaks of all his European Subordinates.

Ordered that Copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Collector of Madura, for his information and guidance.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Secretary

To

R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

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From Board of Reve
Dated 15 Augt 1856

Endorsement given
to the Gopakoonu
22 Augt 1856

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Revenue Department

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No. 2622

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 18th August 1856 -

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 29th July 1856.

(Here Enter No. 166)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 1825 of 1856.

"The Collector reports that the Manager is willing to afford the Sharers access to the original accounts, and to permit them to make copies of them or Extracts from them. The Board consider this sufficient."

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Secretary

To
R. P. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

From Board of Trade
Dated 10 Sept 1858
Bill Sheets

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George, 208
19th August, 1856.

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No. 2637

From
G. S. Forbes Esqr.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To
R. D. Parker Esqr.
Collector of Madura

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Proceedings under date 1st August, stating their views on the subjects of extending village sites, I am directed to request that you will submit detailed applications for the lands which you propose in your letter of the 28th Ultimo to allot as sites for new hamlets. The case of the villages in the Thenkurray Talook is, the Board observe, one in which such grants are rendered expedient by peculiar circumstances.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
G. S. Forbes
Secretary

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
19th August, 1856

To
R. D. Parker Esqr.
Collector of Madura

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From Board of Rev.

Dated 19th Sept 1856.

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No. 2701

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22nd August 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 13th August 1856.

(Here enter No. 176)

The Board observe that circumstances appear to have brought the discovery of these coins to the notice of the Collector before the finders had rendered themselves liable to be deprived of them under the Regulation by neglecting to report the matter for the space of an entire Month. Unless, therefore, the Collector has since been put in possession of evidence to show that the Regulation has been actually violated, no claim can be raised on behalf of Government.

2 The Board resolve to request the sanction of Government for purchasing the finest specimen of each description of these coins for the Madras Museum.

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—— They suggest also they should be permitted to furnish copy of this letter to the Secretary of the Literary Society.

(A true Extract)

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Secretary

To
R. D. Parker Esq
Collector of Madura

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From Board of Revenue
Dated 22d Sept 1852

Copy given to Vincataramana Naik on his application 20 June 57 on Stampt Paper

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Revenue Department

No. 2709

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 23rd August 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 8th August 1856.

(Here enter No. 171)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 1944 of 1856.

"The Board decline to accede to "Petitioner's request, the land in question having been cultivated at the "Fysul" and there being sufficient Poramboke, independent of it, for herding cattle and other such purposes."

(A true Extract)

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Secretary

R. D. Parker Esq.

Collector of Madura

28.8.56

No 305

From Board of [illegible]

Dated 23 Sept 1856

With Enclosure

Answered 18 April 1857 See Para 4

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Revenue Department

No. 2735

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 25 August 1856

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura, dated 8th March 1856, forwarding a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Madura town Fund for 1855, and reiterating the recommendation contained in his letter of the 3d March 1854 in favor of the redemption of the Land tax levied on House ground.

(Here enter No. 53)

It appears from the above Account Current that during the years 1854 and 1855, the collections amounted to C. Rupees 69,135-4-2, of which Rupees 65,501-1-5 were expended in various improvements of the town, and that the Balance in hand at the close of the year was Rupees 3634-2-9. The number of substantial Houses and

Bazars

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Bazars built since 1842 was 3600, and 25 were in course of erection, which, it is stated, would be completed by the end of 1855. The improvements thus effected in the town of Madura in a comparatively short period, re-flect much credit on Mr Parker's attention to the comfort and well being of the residents - and it is hoped that he will be able soon to complete what he has hitherto so successfully carried on -

2. The Board think that the nuisance complained of in para 2 of the letter recorded above may be effectually removed by enforcing the provisions of Act XXI of 1841.

3. With reference to the un-occupied pieces of ground alluded to in Para 2, some explanation is need-ed, and the Board resolve to call upon the Collector to report, whether the pieces of ground in question bear an assessment, and if so, whether it

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has been duly paid and at what rates. But if it has not been paid, and private parties have come forward to claim the lands, they should be sold at once for the arrears. In case they bear no assessment the Collector will fix such quit-rent on them as may seem fair, and either make them over to claimants if their claims can be substantiated, or dispose of them to the best advantage.

But they are private property which can be recovered by a suit in Court.

4. In Para 3, the Collector suggests that the inhabitants of the town of Madura and other towns and Villages should be allowed to redeem the land-tax levied on their house ground. This proposal, as applied to the areas of towns and Villages, seems to the Board to be a good one when it can be properly carried out. But the Board had lately occasion to point out to the Collector the difficulty that exists, as

as to Villages at least, from the rule by which a cultivating inhabitant is not taxed for his house and back yard, while a non-cultivating inhabitant is taxed. What the practice in Madura town may be in this respect is not shown. The Collector is requested to supply information on this subject and also to explain on what principle and at what rate ground is taxed within the town of Madura, and whether accurate Maps exist as well as Registers to show the different holdings. The wishes of the inhabitants on the subject of redeeming the ground-rent and the terms they would be willing to pay should also be ascertained, because the measure could only be carried out by voluntary agreement and unless the great mass of the residents are in its favor, it would be useless to recommend the plan to Government.

(A true Extract)

To
R. D. Parker Esq. — S. [illegible]
Collector of Madura — Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

Petition delivered to the Translator 1st Sept 1856
Tamil Enclosures to Hd Moonshee

Revenue Department

No. 2758

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 26th August 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 24th July 1856.

(Here enter No. 163)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 859 of 1856.

"The Board of Revenue have reviewed the sentence passed by the Collector in Petitioner's case and see no cause to disturb it. They therefore reject this Petition and refer Petitioner to seek redress, if he thinks proper, in the Established Courts of Justice"

Ordered that the above Petition and order be forwarded to the Collector for delivery to Petitioner in accordance with Section III, Regulation III of 1832.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Secretary.

To

R. C. Parker Esq

Collector of Madura

From Board of Revenue
Dated 26 Augt 1856.
With 10 Enclosures

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No. 2774

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 28th August 1856

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 9th August 1856, reporting the surrender of the Chintamanaickanoor Zemindary to the Zemindar.

(Here Enter No. 175)

The Board approve of the proceedings reported above.

(True Extract)

[signature]

Secretary

To

R. C. Parker Esq.

Collector of Madura

1-9-80

From the Board of
Revenue
28th August 1856.

No. 2788 232.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 29th August 1856

Read the following

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 901. 167

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 27th August 1856.

Read the following.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Military Department dated 18th August 1856, No. 2047.

Read the following letters.

From the Quarter Master General of the Army.	
States that it is proposed to move certain Corps, on which depends every other move, during the ensuing season, and asks Government certain questions relative thereto, with the view of eventually submitting the scheme of general Reliefs for the Infantry, this season.	Here enter 12th July 1856, No. 217.
From the Quarter Master General of the Army.	
Submits certain arrangements to give effect to the orders of the Supreme Government relative to the occupation of Pegu by Madras Troops, with a List of intended moves.	Here enter 9th August 1856, No. 249.
From the Adjutant General of the Army.	
Submits the Commander-in-Chief's observations regarding the arrangements proposed to be carried out for the relief of Bengal Troops now serving in Pegu by the Madras Regiments, &c.	Here enter 9th August 1856, No. 634.
From the Military Board.	
Offers suggestions relative to the occupation of Pegu by Madras Troops and the transfer to the Bengal Presidency of the Saugor Territories.	Here enter 12th August 1856, No. 120.
Minute by the Commander-in-Chief.	
Offering remarks and suggestions having reference to the employment of Madras Troops solely in Pegu with a view to the objections to proceeding frequently on foreign service entertained by Native Troops being to a great extent removed.	Here enter 12th August 1856.

The Governor in Council proceeds to pass orders upon the several points requiring to be noticed in the foregoing communications.

Movements of Corps. 1. The movements proposed in the Quarter Master General's letter of the 9th August, with the notifications subsequently made by the Commander-in-Chief, have been approved of, and notified in the Gazette.

2. Application will be made to the Resident at Hyderabad and the Commissioner of Nagpore in order to the 11th and 23rd Regiments being permitted to move without relief—and the Government of India will be informed that the Commander-in-Chief has been authorised, in communication with the Officer Commanding the Pegu Division, to withdraw the 25th Regiment also without relief.

3. The Resident at Hyderabad will be informed that Government have authorised the withdrawal of the whole of the Troops now at Jaulnah, the probable date of the completion of which arrangement will be reported by the Quarter Master General to Government as soon as practicable—in order to its being duly notified to the Resident.

4. Application will be made to the Governments of India and Bombay to provide for the transport of the Saugor and Mhow Detachments of Artillery—and meanwhile the Commander-in-Chief is requested to cause all necessary information to be furnished to the Quarter Master General's Departments at Calcutta and Bombay in connection with the movements in question.

5. The arrangement proposed for the Karkhana at Saugor is sanctioned.

6. Orders will be issued in the Revenue Department requiring all possible assistance to be afforded in obtaining the required Carriage for the Troops—and wherever absolutely necessary Carriage must be pressed for the occasion—but the Governor in Council directs that all Officers be strictly enjoined to see to the punctual payment of hire, as well as to the safe keeping of carts and bullocks the owners or drivers of which may not be forthcoming—and he desires that no cart or bullocks shall be required, without the consent of the owner, to proceed beyond the Station for which originally taken up.

Ordered that the first six paras. of the foregoing order be communicated to the Board of Revenue, who will instruct Collectors to do all in their power to aid the movements of troops referred to, but with due care that all services rendered and supplies provided are fully and punctually paid for. Orders will also be issued in the Military Department directing Commanding Officers to limit their requisitions for carriage to the smallest quantity actually necessary for the public service and for the convenience of the officers and men under their command.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon,
Secretary to Government.

Ordered to be communicated to all Collectors for guidance during the proposed movement of Troops.

(A true Extract & Copy)

E. D. Fortescue
Secretary

To R. D. Parker Esq
Collector of Madura

Compd
J. G. Boyle

[illegible] Board of Genders
Dated 29 Augt 1852

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No. 2400

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 1st September 1856.

Read the following

From No. 622. Ootacamund 24 July 1856.

A. J. Arbuthnot Esq.
Director of Public Instruction

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit, for the consideration of the Board of Revenue, the accompanying copy of a letter under date the 17th Ultimo, from Lieutenant R. M. Macdonald, the Inspector of Schools in the Norther Circars, suggesting that steps should be taken to induce the Zemindars in the Districts of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Rajahmundry and Masulipatam, to establish in their Zemindaries, Vernacular Schools corresponding to the Talook schools now being established in some of

of the Government Talooks.

2- The course of instruction in the Government Talook Schools is to comprise Reading, Writing, Arithmetic after the English method, Geography and the Elements of History whenever any suitable Elementary histories may be available. The elements of Geometry and Algebra and Mensuration of land will eventually be added. The Schools are to be essentially vernacular, all substantive instruction being imparted thro' the medium; but in some of them and especially in those parts of the Country where there is a strong desire for the acquisition of English and where it may be possible to provide the means of teaching its rudiments without in any way interfering with the primary design of the Schools as a means of imparting useful knowledge and cultivating

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the moral and mental faculties of the pupils through the medium of the Vernacular, it is proposed to superadd instruction in English and to have its rudiments taught in the highest classes. The Inspectors however have been instructed to prevent any undue prominence being given to the English instruction in the School course, and it has been laid down as a rule that no boy shall be admitted into the English Class until he shall have attained a certain prescribed standard in the course of Vernacular instructions, and further that in the periodical examinations the advancement of the boys in their Vernacular studies, or in other words in a knowledge of the subjects studied by them in their Vernacular language shall be the main test of proficiency.

3. The Government Talook Schools

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Schools are to be of three grades, and the expenditure sanctioned for each ranges from Rupees 30 to Rupees 50 per mensem. Each pupil is to be required to pay a fee of 2 annas per mensem.

4. It is obviously very desirable that this system of Superior Vernacular Schools should be introduced into the Zemindary Talooks, and that the expense of maintaining them should be undertaken by the Zemindars, and I have therefore the honor to request that the Collectors of the Districts referred to in Lieutenant Macdonald's letter may be instructed "to address firmans to the Principal Zemindars "within their Districts, pointing out "to them that it was the custom of "the ancient Rajahs to encourage learn-"ing by grants of land and gifts of "money to learned Brahmins, that "it is in their power to imitate the

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"example of their ancestors, but in
"a more enlightened spirit, by the
"establishment of good Vernacular
"Schools in the Zemindaries, and
"by informing them that any ef-
"forts which they may be willing
"to make for the extension of edu-
"cation, will be favorably viewed
"by Government.

5. The Office of Commissioner in the Northern Circars having been abolished, I have deemed it expedient to address the Board of Revenue on this subject in preference to communicating with the local Officers direct, as the arrangement proposed will probably require the sanction of the Board.

6. Lieutenant Macdonald's suggestion, in regard to the establishment in the Vizianagrum Zemindary

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Zemindary of a School of a some what higher order and in which English should form a more important element in the course of instruction than will be the case in the Talook Schools, has my full concurrence.

7. The necessary arrangements for the organization and inspection of the projected Schools in communication with the Zemindars will of course be entrusted to Lieutenant Macdonald.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction, 24th July 1856.

I have &c.

(Signed) A. J. Arbuthnot,
Director of Public Instruction.

From

No 30.

From
Lieutenant R. Mc Macdonald
Inspector of School.

To
A. J. Arbuthnot Esqr
Director of
Public Instructions

Sir,

In para 6 of his letter of the 27th Ultimo, a copy of which was forwarded to you with my letter No 22 of the 7th Instant, the Acting Collector of Ganjam incidentally alludes to the proposition made by him some time ago for establishing a School at Purlah Kimedy, to be paid for out of the surplus funds of the Zemindary, on which no orders have as yet been passed.

Vide Mr [illegible]'s letter to the Commissioner Northern Circars No 30. dated 21st February 1855. Para 9

2. My reason for not selecting Purlah Kimedy as a Station for a Talook School is stated in a letter to the Acting Collector, copy of which

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is herewith annexed. It would probably not be etiquette for me to address the Commissioner on the subject, but as the expediency of establishing a Vernacular School at Purlah Kemidy does not seem to admit of any question, I trust that you will see no objection to supporting Mr Knox's proposition.

3. In connection with this subject I beg to submit for your consideration the propriety of steps being taken to ascertain what probability there is of other Zemindary Schools being founded, and the best means of promoting so desirable an object.

4. The question is one of importance owing to the number and extent of the ancient Zemindaries scattered throughout the greater part of the Northern Circars.

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5. The number of Vernacular schools allowed is so limited that it is obvious that many Talooks will not have the benefit of a Government School, even if we exclude the Zemindaries from the sphere of our operations, while the propriety of excluding them must depend on the inclination or disinclination of the Zemindar to do on his Estate what the Government are doing elsewhere.—

6. It seems probable that some of the Rajahs, if appealed to would be willing to co-operate with Government in promoting the cause of education by establishing Schools in their Zemindaries, similar in character to the intended class of Talook Schools, and by placing them under the same supervision to which the Government Schools will be subject.

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Wherever they are willing to do this, it does not seem advisable to supersede their efforts.

7. This appeal will necessarily come with most weight from the regular local authorities, the value of whose aid and influence in a matter of this kind is sufficiently obvious.

8. I would suggest therefore that the Agents in Ganjam and Vizagapatam and the Collectors of Rajahmundry and Masulipatam be requested to address firmans to the principal Zemindars within their Districts, pointing out to them that it was the custom of the ancient Rajahs to encourage learning by grants of land and gifts of money to learned Brahmins, that it is in their power to imitate the example of their ancestors, but in a more enlightened spirit, by the establishment

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of good Vernacular Schools in their Zemindaries, and by informing them that any efforts which they may be willing to make for the extension of education, will be favorably viewed by Government.

9. In the large and important Zemindary of Vizianagrum, the establishment of a School of a somewhat higher order, and nearly if not quite assimilating to the proposed class of Zillah or Anglo-Vernacular Schools might perhaps be suggested.

10. It would be premature to enter any further into the subject, until it is known in what localities and to what extent the Zemindars are willing to undertake to establish schools on their Estates.

Office of Inspector of Schools, Berhampore, 17th June 1856

I have &c.
(Signed) R. M. Macdonald
Inspector of Schools

(True Copy)
(Sig'd) A. J. Arbuthnot
Director of Pc. Instruction

The Board resolve to for-
ward copies of the above correspondence
to the Collectors of the Districts noted in
the Margin, as requested by the Di-
rector of Public Instruction, in view
to their carrying out his suggestions.

Ganjam
Vizagapatam
Rajahmundry
Masulipatam

2. Copies of the correspondence
will also be furnished to the Collectors
of Guntoor, Nellore, North Arcot, and
Madura with the same object.

(A true Extract & Copy)

G. D. Fowles
Secretary

To
R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura

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From the Board of
Revenue
dated 1st September 1856

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Revenue Department

Received 8th Sept 1856

No. 2906

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th September 1856.

Dated 31st July/56.

Read Return of Village Officers referred to in Section VII, Regulation VI of 1831, suspended or dismissed during the month of July 1856.

The Board conclude that the offence for which Varisytumby and Syed Cboorayee have been dismissed has been dealt with by the Magistrate.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Secretary.

To

R. D. Parker Esq.

Collector of Madura.

No 346

Slave Bond of Rice

Dated 1st Septr 1806

Copy sent to Sub Collector 6 October 1856
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To Board Feb 15
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Revenue Department

No. 3039 R

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 15th September 1856.

Read the following:

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 955.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 6th September 1856.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Communicating, with the Board's observation, a letter from the Collector of Madura, relative to the discovery in the Iyempully talook of a pot of Gold coins, and requesting sanction for purchasing the finest specimens of each description of these coins for the Madras Museum. (Here enter 22d August 1856, No. 2701.)

The Board submit a letter from the Collector of Madura, reporting the circumstances of the finding of a number of ancient Roman Coins in that District, and soliciting instructions whether he is to prefer any claim to them on the part of Government. The Board express the opinion that no such claim could be maintained.

2. The Government observe that the fact that a portion of the treasure found was melted, and that another portion is not forthcoming, sufficiently shew that the finders had no intention of making the case known to the Court. But they have no wish to put forward any claim, as it is unlikely that the finders were aware of the existence of the Rule.

3. According to Regulation the treasure will be detained six months by the Court and then if no other valid claims shall have been presented, will be returned to the finders. The Government request that the Collector may be instructed, in that event, to purchase the whole of the coins on account of Government at a fair value, and send them to Madras, care should be taken that they should be packed separately, so as not to be injured in conveyance by friction.

4. The Board of Revenue are authorized to communicate a copy of Mr. Parker's letter to the Literary Society.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary to Government.

To be communicated to the Collector of Madura.

The Board resolve to furnish a copy of Mr Parker's letter to the Secretary of the Literary Society.

(A true Extract & Copy)

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Secretary.

To
R. D. Parker Esqr.
Collector of
Madura.

Compd [illegible]

No. 307.

From Board of Revl.

Dated 15th Septr. 1856.

Taken to Cashkeeper 24th September 1856.

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No. 3038

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 16th September 1856

Read the following

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 970.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 11th September 1856.

Tabular Report of a lapsed Yeomiah in the District of Madura for the 3d Quarter of 1856 dated 12th July and submitted with the remarks of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th August 1856, No. 2785.

This Yeomiah was originally granted in A. D. 1756 by Mahomed Ali Khan, afterwards the Nabob Wallajah, to one Kistnacharry, on whose death it was continued to his son Soobacharry; the latter died in 1832, and the allowance was then renewed in the name of Kistnamacherry a grandson of the grantee. In these renewals the Yeomiah was treated as a service grant, or as the earlier applications represented it, "for prayers, or for reading the shastrums," but it now turns out that it is simply of a charitable nature. There is no doubt that the allowance ought to have ceased on the demise of the original grantee, and there seems no doubt that the second renewal, if not the first also, was obtained by the fraudulent misrepresentation of the nature of the grant. The case therefore possesses but slender claims to indulgence; but the Government accede to the Collector's recommendation that the allowance should be continued to the death of the present incumbent. After his death it will altogether lapse.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government.

To be communicated to the Collector of Madura, for information and guidance

(A true Extract & Copy)

G. [illegible]

Secretary

To R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

No. 362

From Board of Revenue

Dated 16th Septr. 1856

The proceeding [illegible] of the [illegible]
to be brought [illegible]
order that [illegible]
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the [illegible]

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No 3102

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 25th September 1856. Read the following

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 978.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 12th September 1856.

Read the following *Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department, dated the 9th September* 1856, *No.* 1081.

Read the following *Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council in the Financial Department, under date the 25th July* 1856, *No.* 3604.

Read again the Rules dated 25th February last, for regulating leave of absence to Uncovenanted Servants.

Read again the letter to the Civil Auditor at Fort William, No. 3022, dated the 3d Instant, calling for a Report as to the measures adopted by him for procuring information respecting the grants of leave of absence to Uncovenanted Servants.

Read the Civil Auditor's reply, No. 1893, dated the 9th Instant.

RESOLUTION.—With a view to ensure a correct calculation of the periods of service entitling Uncovenanted Servants to pension, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct that the Heads of Public Offices and Departments under the control of the several Governments be instructed to furnish, on the 1st May of each year, to the Civil Auditors and Military Auditors General of the several Presidencies, an annual Return showing the leave of absence granted during the year, under the new Uncovenanted Service Absentee Rules, to those Uncovenanted Servants whose leave may not have been notified in the Gazette.

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Foreign.	*Bengal.*
Home.	*Fort Saint George.*
Military.	*Bombay.*
Public Works.	*N. W. Provinces.*
	Straits Settlements.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Departments* and the Governments† specified in the margin for communication to the heads of the several Offices and Departments under their control.

Accountant General to the Governmrnt of India.
Sub-Treasure, Fort William.
Secretary Saving's Bank ditto.
Mint Committee, Calcutta.

Ordered also, that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the officers specified in the margin under the control of the Financial Department, with a view to their furnishing the Civil Auditor at Fort William with an annual Return of the description stated above on the 1st May of each year.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. DRUMMOND,

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the foregoing resolution of the Government of India be sent to the various Departments of the Secretariat for observance and for communication to the Heads of the several Offices and Departments under their control who are authorized to grant leave under the rules of 22nd February 1856, without publishing it in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

Ordered also that the resolution be published in the Gazette.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.

Chief Secretary.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing be transmitted to the Board of Revenue and the Chief Engineer to be communicated by them to all officers subordinate to them respectively, who are empowered to grant leave of absence, for punctual observance.

It will be understood that the order applies only to the Uncovenanted Servants included in the rules of the 22d February 1856; viz. to those whose salary exceeds one hundred Rupees a month.

(A true Extract.)

J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

Copy

Copy forwarded to all Collectors for information and guidance.

(A true Extract & Copy)

G. [illegible]
Secretary

To R. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of Madura.

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No. 374
From Board of Reve
Dated 25 Sept. 1856

Rules regulating leave of absence to uncovenanted Civil Servants

Answered 16 Octr 1856

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No letter was sent with the statement

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Yr humble servant

No. 3111

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 25th September 1856.

Read the following.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 983.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 15th September 1856.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Requesting sanction for the payment of Rupees 45 as a reward to an informer named Mootoomeia Routen of Madura, through whose instrumentality certain concealed cultivation had been detected. } (Here enter 5th September 1856, No. 2921.)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council must request explanation from the Collector of the very great delay which took place not only in disposing of the original charge, but also in the submission of the application for reward. In forwarding the explanation, the Collector will be requested to state whether there are any other similar complaints of above three months standing undisposed of, and if so, to give the particulars of them. An early reply will be requested.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government.

Forwarded to the Collector of Madura, for explanation regarding the delay noticed by Government.

(A true Extract & Copy).

E. Fuller

Secretary.

To

R. D. Parker Esqr

Collector of Madura.

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No 369

From Board of Reve

Dated 25 Septr 1786

No. 3183

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 30th September 1856

Read the following.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1014.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 22d September 1856.

Tabular report of lapsed Enams in the district of Madura dated 13th August and submitted with the remarks of the Board of Revenue 5th September 1856, No. 2941.

No. 1. Enam in the Gooliamoor village held by the late Sunkaranarnien. Total Teerwah Rupees 6-12-10.	Ordered to be continued on the grounds stated by the Collector and the Board.
No. 2. Enam held by Dasoopundit in Ramarajapooram village. Teerwah Rupees 9-15-10.	Ordered to be resumed on the grounds stated by the Collector.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Madura for information and guidance.

(A true Extract & Copy)

J. A. Linn

Acting Secretary

To

M. C. Parker Esq.

Collector of Madura.

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From Board of Reve

Dated 30 Septr 1856.

Taheed sent to Cash keeper

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort Saint George,

No. 3197. R 2nd October 1856.

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From

J. D. Sim Esq.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To

R. D. Parker Esq.

Collector of

Madura.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 8th August 1856, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to instruct you to place Shashummal in possession of the Huckdarship of the Cunnadoor Chuttrum, and to pay into the Civil Court of Madura the whole amount of Cash in deposit in your Treasury on account of the Salary of that Office, viz. Rupees 3468.3.

2. As the decree of the Civil Court which has been affirmed by the Sudder Udalut, and the late Proceedings of the former Court dated 28th July 1856, authorize by implication the payment of an allowance to a Deputy, the Board request that you will, in handing the money into Court, urge the payment of some compensation to the party who superintended the affairs of the Charity since the late Huckdar's death.

The Board think that under the circumstances stated by you, one-fourth of the Salary would be a fair remuneration.

3. The Board will address Government in regard to the payment of Costs, amounting to Rupees 589-13-.

Government sanction recd. Vide Bo 7 Nov 75

Rev: Bd. Office,
Fort Saint George,
2nd Octr. 1856.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
[signature]
Acting Secretary.

To
A. D. Parker Esq.
Collector of
Madura.

No 385

Compd. [signature]

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Endorsement given to Mr Graham on 13 October 1856.

Recd 13th Octr

Revenue Department

No. 3277

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 7th October 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 19th September 1856.

(Here Enter No. 1991)

about the Cashmere of revenue, claiming

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions Nos 3176 of 1855 and 2810 of 1856.

"The Board concur with the Collector and reject Petitioner's claim".

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Acting Secretary

To

R. D. Parker Esq

Collector of Madura

Compd

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From the Mr of Rome
Dated 7 Octr 1856
With Seals

Revenue Department

No. 3505.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 21st October 1856.

Read the following

Public Department

No. 1257

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 17th October 1856.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Medical Board

Bringing to notice that through the instrumentality of Native Surgeon P. Moonesawmy attached to the Collector of Madura an excellent Hospital and Dispensary have been established at Ramnad by Ranee Sethooputty Purvuthu Nautchair and Zemindar of that place with Medical Board's observations.	Dated 3rd Octr. 1856.—

The Governor in Council has perused with much gratification the report made by Native Surgeon Moonesawmy attached to the Madura District, of the establishment of a Dispensary and Hospital at the town of Ramnad by the Zemindar of Ramnad M. R. Ry. Ranee Sethoopatty Purvatavurdhany Nachiar. The Collector of Madura will communicate to Sethoopatty Purvatavurdhany Nachiar the high sense which Government entertain of her benevolence

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and public spirit, as evinced in the establishment of
an Institution of such great and extensive utility.

2. The Government notice also with approval the assistance given by the Native Surgeon Moonesawmy himself towards this desirable work as well as the good service in respect to it rendered by M.R. Ry. Cotasawmy Taver, brother of the Zemindar and Manager of the Estate.

3. Resolved that the Extract from Native Surgeon Moonesawmy's report that accompanied the letter from the Medical Board and an order of Government to the effect above stated, with translations in the Tamil and Teloogoo language be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette for general information

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. Tyeroft
Chief Secretary

To
The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue.

Copy forwarded to the Acting Collector of Madura for his information

(A true Extract & Copy)

A. Sim
Acting Secretary

To
J. H. Cockerell Esq.
Actg Sub Collector in charge
Madura

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Revenue Department

No. 3646

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th November 1856.

Frm Collr of Madura 30th Sept /56.

Read List of letters addressed to the Board of Revenue and remaining unanswered up to 30th September 1856.

(Here enter No. 1)

The Board observe that the Collector's letter of the 23rd May 1856 respecting the claim of a Tindul toty to Swatuntrums was disposed of on the 5th June 1856. The Collector's subsequent letter of the 19th idem has been recorded.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Actg. Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq.

Actg. Collector of Madura

No 434

From [illegible] of [illegible]

Dated 5 Augt 1856

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Revenue Department

No. 3694.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th November 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 16th October 1856.

(Here enter No. 225)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions Nos. 2069 2101- 2149 and 3173 of 1856.

"The Board have received a report from the Collector and learn from it that the three Heads of the Family have agreed to conduct the Charity duly and have been placed in possession of the Villages. The Board see no reason to disturb this arrangement."

(A true Extract)

J. A. Sim

Acting Secretary.

To

R. J. Sullivan Esqr.

Acting Collector of Madura.

No 6

From Board of Reve

Dated 5 Nov 1806

With 4 Encls

Revenue Department

No. 3724

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 6th November 1856.

Read Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 2d July 1856, No. 7.

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12 and 13. Correspondence relative to the proposed removal of Custom Houses on the Travancore frontier transmitted.

Para 8. These Chokeys are now the only ones maintained under your Presidency for levying duties on goods in transit between British territory and that of any native State. We trust that you may succeed in inducing the Travancore Sircar to withdraw its inland Custom Houses, and that reciprocal arrangements may be entered into for regulating the Commerce by Sea between the ports of Travancore and Cochin, and those of our own territories.

No. 1092.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 15th October 1856.

The Government proceed to pass orders on the letter in this Department from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 2d. July 1856, No. 7.

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Para 4. This para will be communicated to the Board of Revenue, and a copy will be furnished to the Political Department, with reference to the order of the 4th August 1856, No. 803, requiring, in advertence to the previous order of the 7th November 1854, No. 1441, any correspondence that may have passed with the Resident at Travancore on this subject to be communicated to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract)

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Chief Secretary.

> 8. Observed that the Chokeys on the Travancore frontier are the only ones maintained under this Presidency. Trust that Government may succeed in inducing the Travancore Sircar to withdraw inland Custom Houses, and that reciprocal arrangements may be entered into for regulating the sea borne commerce between the ports of that State and Cochin and those of the British Government.

Copy of Para 8 of the Courts Despatch, with Para 4 of the Minutes of Consultation, will be furnished to the Collectors of Madura and Tinnevelly.

(True Extract

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Ag Secretary.

To

R. I. Sullivan Esq.

Ag Collector of Madura.

Compd

W Newbiggin

No 445

From Board of Reve

Dated 6 Nov 1856

Ansd 4th March 1857

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Copy furnished to Capt. Gib
11 Novr 1856

Recd 11 Novr 56

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
8th November 1856

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From No. 3713

J. D. Sim Esq.
Ag. Secy to the Board of Revenue

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq.
Ag. Collector of Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will report on the present state of the Public Bungalow at Pamben, the amount required to place it in proper repair, the number of bonâ fide Travellers which have frequented it from the 1st Jany last, and your opinion whether it or any other Public Bungalow should be maintained in that Island.

2 It is believed that the present Bungalow was once a private dwelling and from its size and construction involves more expense in repairs than such Buildings in general. To enable the Board to form a judgment on this point, you will be pleased to furnish a

statement

statement of the Expenditure on repairs since it came into the possession of Government, referring at the same time to the correspondence which passed when it was purchased.

3 You will be pleased to furnish a ground Plan.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Rev. Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
8th Novr. 1856.

J. A. [illegible]

Acting Secretary

To

R. I. Sullivan Esq.

Ag Collector of Madura

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R. [illegible]

Recd 17 Nov 56 Petition sent with. Inked

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Revenue Department

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No. 3771

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 11th November 1856.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 31st October 1856.

(Here enter No. 248.)

The Board concur with the Collector in opinion, that the Petitioner has no claim to exemption from Price or Teerwah for the land in occupation which was reclaimed from the Fort Ditch.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 1230 of 1856.

"It is reported by the Collector that the Petitioner can produce no document to prove that his land is Enam, nor had Mr. Peter power to grant Enam such being the case, he cannot be exempted from payment of the price expected for the benefit of the Town

from

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from Ditch lands in general.

(A true Extract)

J. A. ... [illegible signature]

Acting Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq

Acting Collector of

Madura.

Compd

C. Rundigger

No 52

From Bd of Revenue

Dated 11 Dec 1856

Recd 1 Decr

Transmitted
29th Nov 1856.

29 Nov 56

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Revenue Department

No. 3927

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 25th November 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 21st August 1856.

(Here enter No. 179.)

The Board of Revenue are of opinion that the regulated Cowle may be granted for such portion of the Waste land alluded to in this communication, as is intended for cultivation, provided that under the Rules of the Hookumnamah it would be entitled to this indulgence if taken up under ordinary circumstances.—

2. The land to be occupied by the Tank should, they are of opinion, pay Teerwah from the commencement.—

(A true Extract)

J. A. Sim

Acting Secretary

To
R. J. Sullivan Esq.
Actg Collector of
Madura.

From Board of Heal
Dated 25 Nov 1856

Answered 5 December 1856

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Revenue Department

No 3962

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 26th November 1856.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 17th November 1856.

(Here Enter No 268.)

The Board observe that the above letter does not meet Petitioner's allegation that the ground in question was granted in lieu of Suwamaniem land taken for an English School established by Government. The Board wish to know, whether this was the case and if so, whether Petitioner obtained any compensation for the land so taken.

(A true Extract.)

J. A. Sim
Acting Secretary

To
R. J. Sullivan Esq.
Acting Collector of Madura.

No 4080

From Doud Mead
Dated 26 Nov / 56
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Lodged to Govt. Docket 31st
Dec. 1858

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Revenue Department

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No. 4224

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 15th December 1858.

15th December 1858.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, dated the 3rd December 1858.

(Here enter No. 284)

The Board regret that they do not perceive that an Appeal to the Sudder Udalut against the order of the Civil Court of Madura under date the 18th October 1858, would be attend with any prospect of success. —

(A true Extract)

J. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary.

To
R. J. Sullivan Esq.
Ag. Collector of Madura

No 496
From Lord of Neely
Dated 15 Decr 1856

Answered 19 January 1858 366

Ans 21 Dec 58

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Revenue Department

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No. 4281

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 17th December 1856.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 8th November 1856.

(Here enter No. 258)

The last holder of the Bhutwurty Enam referred to above having died, and the party now in possession having clearly no title to it, the Board direct that the Enam be attached and reported in the form appended to the Circular Order of the 5th February 1852.

C.O.B.R. Vol. 2, p. 52.

(A true Extract)

J. D. Sim

Acting Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq.

Acting Collector of

Madura

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R. [illegible]

No 499

From Board of Revenue

Dated 17 Decr 1806

Revenue Department

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No 4372

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th December 1856.

Read Tabular Report from the Acting Collector of Madura on Lapsed Enams in his District for the 4th Quarter of 1856.

(Here enter &c.)

The Acting Collector is requested to report the number of boys instructed by the deceased or by present holder of the Office - the qualifications of the latter party - and the number of Hindoo Inhabitants in the Village.

(True Extract)

[signature]

Acting Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq

Ag Collector of Madura

No 5

From Board of Trade

Dated 19 Decr 1856

Explained to the Head Gomashta Account Department 8 Jany 57

Recd. 28 Decr 1856

A true

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Revenue Department

№ 4389

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22d December, 1856.-

Read the following.-

№ 1097

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 16th October, 1856.-

Read the following.-

Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 23d July 1856. № 9.-

Letter dated 3d July (№ 41) 1854.)

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12 & 13. Two thirds of the Pension enjoyed by the late Jinafah Naich descendant of the Poligar of Veroopatchee in Madura, continued for the support of the family.

13. We approve of your having acted in this case in accordance with our orders of the 18th May, № 12. 1842, para 8 for the gradual reduction of pensions not strictly hereditary on the occurrence of lapses.-

(A true Extract)

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Chief Secretary

Ordered

Ordered that Extract from the Honorable Courts Despatch, be forwarded to the Acting Collector of Madura. Para 11

(A true Extract & Copy)

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Acting Secretary

To

R. J. Sullivan Esqr.

Acting Collector of

Madura.

From the Bd of Reve

Dated 22 Decr 1806

A copy of this [illegible] for his information

Recd. 31 Dec. 56

Recd. 28 Decr. 1856 [illegible]

Revenue Department

No. 1395

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22d December 1856.

Read the following

No. 1098.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 16th October 1856.

Read the following

Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 11th June 1856.

No. 5.

Letter dated 28th November (No. 89) 1854.

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6. Report on the Topography, climate, revenue and administration of the Pulney hills in Madura.

27. The report on the Pulney hills submitted by Mr. Clarke, the Sub Collector, contains much interesting information and does credit to that officers industry and research. The modifications which he proposes in the assessment pending the introduction of a survey consist principally in reducing the

the rates, and placing them on the land instead of on the produce as was the case under the previous system. We trust that the Collector will not experience any difficulty in carrying this change into effect.

28. The area of the hills under Circar management is stated to be about 127 Square miles, the average revenue derived from them being only Rupees 7,000 per Annum.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) T. Pycroft

Chief Secretary.

Ordered that Extract P^s. 27 & 28 from the Honorable Court's Despatch, be forwarded to the Acting Collector of Madura.

(True Extracts)

[signature]

Ag Secretary.

To

R. J. Sullivan Esq

A^g Collector of Madura.

Com^d

R Newbigging

Recd 28 Decr 1851

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Revenue Department

No. 4390

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd December 1850.

Read the following –

No. 1167.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 3rd November, 1850.

Read the following

Revenue Department

No. 10 of 1850.

Our Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Letter dated 20th July (No. 34) 1855.

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16. Refund of the Swamy Bhogum collected on certain lands of the Sittanundel, &c. villages in the Ramnad Zemindary, sanctioned.

Para 43. Approved.

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(True Extract)

(Signed) T. Pycroft

Chief Secretary.

Ordered that Extract Para 43 of the Honorable Court's Despatch be forwarded

Forwarded to the Collector of Madura.

A true Extract & Copy.

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Ag Secretary.

To,

R. I. Sullivan Esq

Ag Collector of Madura.

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From [illegible]
Dated 23 Decr 185[illegible]